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CANNOT LEVY ON MEMBERS

Law Restrains Trades Unions in Raising of Funds for Politics

MR. BALFOUR'S HEALTH TROUBLES HIS PARTY

Mr. Asquith Declares Navy is Fit to Maintain British Supremacy

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The whole aspect of the electoral fight may be changed by the judgment delivered today by the law lords, Lord Shaw, a Radical ex-minister, being at their head. This judgment declares that trades unions cannot legally make compulsory levies on their members for parliamentary representation purposes.

Nearly two million members of trades unions have hitherto been compelled by their unions to contribute to the salaries of forty-seven members in parliament, and out of similar compulsory levies some eighty labor candidates are now standing for parliament. Many members of the trades unions habitually vote for Unionist and Liberal and against labor candidates at elections, and have only paid their shillings because if they refused they would have been labelled blacklegs and driven out of the unions. Now that the law says a compulsory levy is illegal, many unions see a prospect of empty treasuries on the eve of the greatest political contest of modern times.

The executive of the labor party meets immediately to prepare a bill legalizing what the law declares to be illegal. The executive will press Premier Asquith to accept this bill as a government measure and fight the election on that issue.

Unionist electioneers say that thousands of trade unionists in all industrial centres will welcome the freedom from compulsion which the lords have given them.

At the 1906 election the overwhelming Liberal and labor victory was largely attributed to the Taff Vale decision, by which the Lords declared that the courts could impound the funds of a trade union by reason of the action of any official. The law was then made to say: "We can seize your trade union funds as we seize those of private citizens," and in the 1906 election the trade unionists voted for the Liberal-Labor party to change the law. Now the law says to trade unionists: "You need not pay for your member unless you like." Lord Shaw was most emphatic in his judgment, and said that trade union contract placing a member's vote and action into subjection, not to his own convictions, but to the union's decisions, was incompatible with the spirit of a parliamentary constitution, and with the independent freedom of representative institutions.

Keir Hardie at Glasgow yesterday referred to the fact that the lords today gives judgment on the question whether trades unions possess the right to levy for salaries for labor M. P.'s, and said if the judgment were adverse the party had everything in order for carrying on its financial work for at least two years.

Navy Sufficient.

Addessing a political meeting at Liverpool today Mr. Asquith said that as regards the navy, let him say once for all, and he spoke with full deliberation and after prolonged inquiries, that the navy today was able to maintain, not only this year but for years before us, our supremacy on the sea, and should the necessity arise, which God forbid, it would be able to guarantee the integrity of our shores, the protection of our commerce, and the inviolability of our empire."

During the next few days there will be little or nothing doing in the political world. The holidays will be devoted to letter writing, and some leading lights are already on the warpath with the pen. Sir Robert Perks, in a letter, denounced the free church council and its claims to speak for the Protestants and Dissenters of the United Kingdom. He points out that the Wesleyan Methodists are standing aloof and distrustful.

Mr. Hawkins, secretary of the Eighty Club, speaking today, expressed every confidence that the Liberals would be returned to power, but with a decreased majority. He predicts a majority of one hundred.

Mr. Balfour's Illness

The whole Unionist cause rests in such a special way upon Mr. Balfour that something like consternation spread through the Unionist clubs last night when the news came through that Mr. Balfour had been forbidden by his doctors to go on even an hour's journey from his house at Whittingham to make a short speech at Edinburgh. Miss Balfour, who devotes her life to her bachelor brother, has been inundated with messages of enquiry. Everyone is following the opinion of his medical men. It was expected when Mr. Balfour left last Friday that ten days' rest would banish the pulmonary catarrh which had kept him to his bed for the best part of a week, and which continued to give his nearest friends some anxiety. He was set back by his insistence, against the doctors' wishes, on going to the House of Commons on the fateful day when Premier Asquith moved his anti-Lords resolution, but now the doctors and Miss Balfour together have him better in hand, and have declined to allow him to make any public speeches till after New Year.

Unionists refuse to contemplate the confusion and dismay that would result should Mr. Balfour fail to lead the campaign next month. If Premier Asquith fell behind, at least five men, including Sir Edward Grey, Lloyd-George and Winston-Churchill, could take his place at the front of the fight, but now that Mr. Chamberlain is disabled, Mr. Balfour stands alone as a possible Unionist leader. However, today's reports from Whittingham encourage the belief that with extreme care Mr. Balfour will be able to throw off the attack, as he has done previously, and be ready for the platform again in the second week of January, if not the first.

Slighting King Edward

One who is in position to know, states that the King greatly resents the use which is being made of his name in the present conflict. Particularly offensive is the reported incident at a Newcastle meeting yesterday, when Arthur Henderson, chairman of the Labor party, with a strange disregard of the elementary facts of the British constitution, said: "This is a grave business. Let me read the King's speech proroguing parliament. 'I regret,' said his majesty, 'that your provision of the necessary supplies should have proved unavailing.' This shows that someone besides Liberal and Labor men regrets the loss of the budget."

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WHEAT SUPPLY WOULD BE AMPLE

F. W. Thompson's View of the Mooted Preference to Colonial Products

MONTREAL, Dec. 21—F. W. Thompson, vice president and managing director of the Ogilvie Flour Mills company, was yesterday asked whether he thought the United Kingdom would be justified in placing a duty on all foreign wheat and flour, and whether, should this be done, the overseas dominions could be depended upon in the near future to meet her full requirements.

Mr. Thompson replied that this was a problem to which he had naturally given a great deal of careful thought and study, and after mature consideration he was convinced that Great Britain would be justified in taking such action fully. It is absurd to question the empire's ability to supply its own needs, when Canada alone has an area sufficient to supply them many times over. Why, with such unlimited resources the country is not developing faster, was to his mind the really serious side of the problem. It is not so much a question as to the possibility, but the probability, of Canada producing these enormous crops. This is where he believed a tax on foreign grain, with the free importation into the United Kingdom of the wheat and flour produced within the Empire, would give the assistance needed and what applied to Canada applied to all the colonies.

"And let me take this opportunity of adding that the assistance thus rendered the colonies by Great Britain would, I believe, further stimulate us in assuming our full share of responsibility in maintaining an imperial navy such as would be adequate to safeguard our tremendous commerce. I mention this only because I feel that in this great work of empire building we should all be prepared to give as well as take, and every citizen of our Dominion should remember that naval protection is necessary if our commercial supremacy is to be enduring."

Mr. Thompson concluded his observations by declaring: "Development of the Empire's resources is all that is needed to provide for the Empire's requirements, and to my judgment British preference for colonial products is the one great imperial highway by which this long dreamed of imperial success can alone be achieved."

Congress Takes Holiday

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The house was in session but ten minutes today and adjourned until January 4.

Against White Slave Traffic

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Mann "white slave traffic" bill, recently agreed on by the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce, was favorably reported to the house today by Chairman Mann of that committee.

American Homesteaders

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—During the first ten months of the present calendar year 9,919 homestead entries were taken up in the Canadian west by Americans. Every state and territory of the union was represented. North Dakota led with 3464 applications. Minnesota was next with 1741, South Dakota 552, Michigan 514 and Washington 510. Other states dropped below the 500 mark.

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ZELAYA ARMY IS DEFEATED

Beaten in Fierce Battle By Revolutionists Under Estrada

LOSSES OF ZELAYANS ARE VERY HEAVY

Estrada Will Renew Fight Today With Hope of Complete Victory

WASHINGTON, December 21.—The Zelayan troops were routed by the revolutionary force in a fierce battle at Rama, lasting several hours, according to advices received here this afternoon. General Estrada, in command of the revolutionists, is reported to have been successful all along the line. The battle will be renewed tomorrow.

There is some doubt as to the exact extent of Estrada's success. From revolutionary sources the word is sent that the victory is complete. The State Department has received word from Thomas H. Moffatt, U. S. consul at Bluefields, that Estrada, "partially routed and defeated the forces of Zelaya." It is agreed, however, that the moral effect of such inital success on the part of the revolutionists can hardly be exaggerated.

The first announcement of the Estrada army campaign came in a cablegram to Dr. Castrillo, the representative here of the provisional government. It was signed by Diaz, secretary of state of the provisional government. The cablegram said: "Complete victory is ours. Zelaya's troops are in retreat."

Later this evening the State Department gave out the following from Consul Moffatt, which had been sent by wireless telegraph from Colon: "Estrada's forces at Tatumbla and Recreo, near Rama, commanded by General Mena at the former place and Generals Camorro, Mattutt and Diaz, at the latter place, partially routed and defeated the forces of Zelaya after a desperate fight of several hours. The Zelayan forces were commanded by General Gonzales. A great many were killed, the number being unknown. One hundred were wounded and 150 prisoners were taken by the revolutionists. The Zelayan troops at Recreo have occupied what has been considered a strong position. Estrada is confident of defeating the enemy when he renews the attack tomorrow and forcing their surrender."

None of the officials of the State Department tonight would discuss the reported victory of Estrada. In Central American diplomatic circles there was a general celebration.

Decrees Amnesty

MANAGUA, Dec. 21.—On returning to his hotel today President Madriz read a decree from the balcony announcing political amnesty and the release of the inmates of the penitentiary. This was greeted with tremendous cheering.

Minister Irias attempted to speak, but he was cried down, and desisted after futile efforts had been made to quell the hostile demonstration.

During the riots at Granada, Rudolph Downing, an American citizen, who was born at Granada, was arrested. The American consul at once filed a protest with the authorities.

V. V. & E. ROAD COAST SECTION

Contractors Look Over Route, and Early Construction is Expected

VANCOUVER, Dec. 21.—Construction of the coast section of the V. V. & E. Railway, which will cross Hope mountains via the Coquehalla divide and join the Similkameen extension of the road from Princeton, will commence next spring. This is the opinion of the contractors who returned to Vancouver yesterday after having looked over the route of the proposed line prior to submitting tenders for the work.

Those who made the journey were A. Jellett of Spokane, representing the contracting firm of P. Welch & Co., and Charles Folliot, representing Guthrie & Co., contractors of St. Paul. A representative of the Vancouver contracting firm of Ironside, Rannie and Campbell also went over the ground. The party was piloted by J. H. Kennedy, chief engineer of the Hill railway.

The entire Coquehalla river, was thoroughly covered, the party traversing it over the old Yale road, which in its general trend follows the route to be taken by the line. No serious construction difficulties were encountered. It is understood that tenders will be acted upon early in the new year and that construction will be in full swing by Spring.

Determination of the manner in which the Hope range will be crossed has not yet been made. It is reported that this question is now occupying the attention of the railway engineers, the problem being whether grade requirements will necessitate the construction of an eight mile tunnel at a cost of several million dollars, or in the alternative if it would be better railway practice to build a line of heavier grades and longer distance on the surface in crossing from the headwaters of the Coquehalla to the Coldwater river.

RAILWAYS TAXED

Christmas Rush Gives Canadian Roads All Business They Can Handle Comfortably.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 21.—The last days of the Christmas rush are taxing the capacity of the railway companies to the utmost. Reports received from all terminal points in the west by the passenger departments of all the lines show that the traffic eastward tonight will be the heaviest in the history of the country.

The passenger, traffic and superintendent's departments of the roads on all divisions are doing all possible to facilitate the handling of the phenomenal passenger traffic, and all available sleeping cars and passenger coaches will be pressed into service.

The Toronto express on the Canadian Pacific went out in three sections tonight. While the outgoing traffic is unprecedented, the incoming trains from the east are very heavily laden, but they are bringing Christmas cheer to the thousands of homes in the west from friends in the old country. Eight cars of British mail arrived today. No less than ten tons of plum pudding was among the good things which arrived.

INSANE OVER COMET

E. J. Halley, Connected With Astronomer's Family, Too Deeply Interested in Celestial Wanderer

SPOKANE, Dec. 21.—One of the saddest cases of insanity brought to light at Sand Point, Idaho, is that of E. J. Halley, of Blacktail, who was brought to the Bonner county jail last week and adjudged insane Saturday before Randelin and sent to Orofino asylum.

Halley has been a resident of Blacktail district for eleven years and for five years has been holding a homestead near the Blacktail landing, where he has been living alone. During the winter months his cabin is rarely visited, and it was not known that he was in a demented condition until last week, when he visited the Bishop ranch. Halley's family was descended from ancestors of Astronomer Halley of Halley's comet fame, and Halley himself had studied incessantly and was much interested in the approach of the comet.

KETTLE VALLEY BUYS TOWNSITE

Reported Operation Preliminary to Building Road to Nicola

VANCOUVER, Dec. 21—It is reported here that the townsite of Midway, B. C. in the Boundary district, and owned by a Montreal company, of which Peter Lyall, the contractor, is president, has sold out its interests to the Kettle Valley Line for $45,000.

The railway company propose to extend the system west via the west fork of the Kette river through the Okanagan and Similkameen districts and over the Hope mountains to Hope in the Fraser river valley.

Legislation granting a subsidy of $5,000 a mile to the enterprise from Midway to Nicola, a district of 150 miles, will be introduced at the coming session of the provincial legislature in accordance with Premier McBride's ante-election pledge.

First Gold Coins at Mint

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—The first Canadian gold to be coined into Canadian currency will be turned out from gold bricks, to the value of $50,000 which have been deposited with the mint by Joseph Boyle, the well-known Yukon miner.

Cobalt Man Found Dead

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—James Moore, believed to have come in from Cobalt a few days ago, was found dead this morning in a boarding house on Peter street. He was about 45 years of age. Except for some letters found on him, there is nothing by which to definitely identify him.

Sent to Asylum.

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—George Neilson, who shot and wounded Esther Hazel on the night of November 4, was declared insane by the jury in the sessions today and will be placed in the asylum. Neilson shot Miss Hazel because he thought she had interfered between him and a young woman to whom he was paying attention. Miss Hazel was dangerously wounded, and is still in the hospital.

Against Race Track Gambling.

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 21.—In a vigorous sermon in support of the anti-gambling bill, Rev. J. Gibson Inkster scored bookmaking, particularly handbookmaking on the Hamilton and Toronto racetracks. The speakers who supported the bill, he said, were unfamiliar with their subject. He scored King Edward for opening the Derby and lauded the late Queen who refused to patronize racing.

Belgium Indignant

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Criticism in Great Britain and America of the Belgium administration of the Congo Free State, has elicited a manifesto of protest signed by August Beernaert, Belgium minister of state, the director of the Belgian royal observatory, Prof. Lecointe, his Grace the Cardinal Archbishop of Mechlin and many other distinguished Belgian educators and public men. Copies of this document have been received in New York. The signers express their "righteous indignation at the continued unfair criticism and attacks upon our country concerning its African possessions."

BRANDS COOK AS IMPOSTER

University Committee at Copenhagen Says His Claims Are Groundless

PAPERS SUBMITTED ARE OF NO VALUE

Meanwhile Doctor Enjoys a Large Profit From Successful Fake

COPENHAGN, Dec. 21.—The report of the special committee of scientists which the University of Copenhagen appointed to scrutinize Dr. Cook's claim that he had discovered the north pole, was submitted to the consistory of the university this morning, endorsed by that body, and given to the public.

The report shatters completely, almost contemptuously, the explorer's title to the discovery, and fills the officials and people of Denmark with chagrin at the figure Denmark is made to assume in the eyes of the scientific world. The public was prepared for a verdict of "not proven," but did not expect its recent hero to be branded as an impostor. Many still cling to the belief that Cook acted in good faith but harbored a delusion. Explorers and scientists almost unanimously have lost faith in Cook's honesty, while one of his warmest supporters, Tanud Rasmussen, helped to frame the report.

The evening papers attack Cook and severely reprouch him for hiding, which they regard as a sign of a guilty conscience. The rector of the University, Dr. Salomson, when questioned as to the possibility of the university cancelling its degree, which it conferred on Dr. Cook, said that no decision had been reached, but he thought that the degree could be withdrawn in the same way a government could deprive a person of an order obtained under false pretences.

Widespread indignation over the deception which has placed practically the whole of Denmark in a somewhat humiliating position, has taken the place today of the hero worship heretofore accorded to Cook. While there have always been some who doubted that Cook would be able to prove satisfactorily that he reached the north pole, there was not a soul but expected that he would at least supply some plausible data supporting his claim. The members of the examining committee are very angry over the doctor's behavior. Prof. Stromgren, president of the committee, tonight characterized Cook's treatment of the university as "shameless."

Inquiry as to whether the committee would undertake a further examination in the event of Cook's sending for the instruments and observations which are alleged to be at Etah, developed that a majority of the members were not disposed to waste any more time in the matter.

The report of the committee of which Professor Strombren was chairman, as presented to the consistory, states that Dr. Cook's papers are without any value; that his report to the University of Copenhagen is practically the same as published by the New York World on his return from his Arctic expedition. The copies of his notebooks submitted, says the committee, contain no original calculations of observations, but only results thereof. Accordingly, the committee concludes that he affords no proof of having reached the pole.

There was produced before the committee a letter from Cook postmarked Marseilles, Dec. 14. This letter lends color to the earlier report that Cook sailed from New York for a Mediterranean port.

Completely Discredited.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Thus ends one of the most fascinating chapters in all the romance of exploration. Honored by the king of Denmark, heralded by the University of Copenhaen, garlanded with wreaths of roses by young girls, accorded the freedom of the city of New York, and acclaimed by thousands from the length and breadth of the land as the bravest man who ever dared the silent terrors of the Arctic, Dr. Frederick A. Cook stands tonight discredited in the house of his friends. Not a word from him in defense or explanation, nothing but disavowal from his partisans in the controversy that has raged about him ever since he first flashed word from Lerwick in the Shetland Islands to his wife: "Successful. Well. Address Copenhagen." Even that address is lacking.

Only his brother stands stubbornly by him, refusing to believe that the verdict of the University of Copenhagen has been correctly reported.

Interest tonight turns to three questions: Where is the doctor? What will he have to say for himself? What will he do with himself?

Chas. Wake, a close friend, and Dr. Cook's brother in Brooklyn both say he is at Christiansand, Norway, with his wife, but that the children are at school in this country. A friend who had an opportunity to see a private letter from Dr. Cook to the rector of the University of Copenhagen says that the doctor then wrote that in the event of an adverse decision he would take no appeal to the other scientific tribunals of the world. In this country, Commander R. E. Peary has already been pronounced the discoverer of the North Pole by the National Geographic Society.

Made Much Money.

One of the party who made the trip with Dr. Cook to Hamilton, Montana, where he met the guide Barrill, who claims that the doctor had never completed the ascent of Mt. McKinley,

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GREAT WORK IN AID OF SEAMEN

Local Ladies' Guild of British and Foreign Sailors' Society Prepare Report

The success of the work of the Ladies' Guild of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society, Victoria branch, during the past year is forcibly shown in a report which has been made by the Guild. A great work has been done and to the ladies much credit is due. Since October 3, 1908, when the Ladies' Guild was organized for the purpose of raising funds for the purchase of a site and the erection of a home for seamen in Victoria the local Guild has raised $2,000 towards the purchase of a site which was secured with the aid of $500 from the Old Country. There is also about $3,000 on hand towards the building fund. The site secured is in the vicinity of the Outer Wharf in a convenient location. The canvass for funds will be prosecuted energetically and the ladies are confident that the necessary money will be forthcoming. Mrs. J. W. Troup has been indefatigable in her efforts and with the other ladies has done wonders.

Patronesses

The Guild is under the distinguished patronage of H. R. H., the Princess of Wales, the Princess Royal and Mrs. James Dunsmuir. The officers for the ensuing year are as follows: Honorary president, Mrs. Pemberton; honorary vice-president, Mrs. J. R. Anderson; president, Mrs. J. W. Troup; vice-president, Mrs. Herbert Kent; treasurer, Miss McDonald; secretary, Mrs. N. P. Shaw; advisory committee, Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Jacobs, Mrs. R. Jones, Mrs. Ker, Mrs. Blackwood, Mrs. Chas. Todd, Mrs. Spratt, Mrs. Berkley, Mrs. Gaudin, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Love and Mrs. H. Gillespie.

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Donations received by the committee of Victoria Ladies' Guild, in aid of the site and proposed new Seamen's Institute, British and Foreign Sailors' society, Victoria branch, are as follows: Nucleus of fund by Secy. Rev. E. W. Matthews, London, $10; donation from B. & F. S. Society, London, England, $484.50; Proceeds of Pixies, $350.25; Government (promised donation), $2,000; the Lieutenant-Governor, $250; A. C. Flumerfelt, $100; R. P. Rithet, $100; Mrs. Pemberton, $100; D. R. Ker, $100; Otto Weiler, $100; The B. C. Electric Co., $100; The Colonist and Victoria Transfer Co. (per Mr. Matson), $100; Corporation of Victoria, $100; inspection of Princess Charlotte, $102.85; J. H. Todd & Sons, $50; F. S. Barnard, $50; B. C. Salvage Co., $50; Leeming Bros., $50; E. G. Prior & Co., $25; The B. Wilson Co., $25; Capt. Geo. Kirkendale, $25; F. W. Jones, $25; Dr. G. L. Milne, $25; C. A. Holland, $20; Richard Hall, $20; H. G. Wilson, $20; Pither & Leiser, $20; Simon Leiser & Co., $20; J. A. Mara, $10; A. G. Langley, $10; Marvin & Co., $10; McQuade & Son, $10; Bodwell & Lawson, $10; R. E. Day, $10; D. Doig, $10; Lee Mong Kow, $10; A. T. Monteith, $5; Admiral Fleet (England), $5; Bannerman & Horne, $5; Capt. H. Brown, $5; Mrs. Powell, $3; F. Langford, $2; G. Kersley, $2; Mde. Kosche, $2; Miss Thain, $1.50; Miss Saunders, $2; F. Damyon, $1; J. Smith, $1; J. Moffat, $1; A. Gordon, $1; S. H. Armiston, $1; H. Wright, $1; R. Barber, $1; F. Bell, $1; D. Mackie, $1; C. Howard, $1; A. Troughton, $1; R. Steen, $1; T. Rowlins, $1; J. Jacobson, $1; Alex. McKinnon, $1; Alex. Bars, $1; J. Welham, $1; J. McLaughlin, $1; S. Hogue, $1; J. Measures, $1; S. McKnight, $1; R. Hickey, $1; proceeds of vaudeville entertainment, $335; T. O. Mason, 50c; J. H. Lindsay, $20; W. H. Trewartha James, $20; John Arbuthnot, $20; F. B. Pemberton, $20; Capt. John Irving, $100; Pacific Whaling Co., $100; T. W. Paterson, $25; H. S. Barton, $10; Mr. Rattenbury, $5; Angus Campbell & Co., $5; proceeds of Gorge collection, $31.25; R. S. Day (annual), $5; W. H. Bone, $2.50; proceeds of dance, $87.85.

G. T. P. Wharf Plans.

Yesterday afternoon a special committee of the board of trade was in session with Captain G. A. Nicholson of the Grand Trunk Pacific in regard to the G. T. P. wharf plans for Victoria. The views of the Inner Harbor Association tending towards an arrangement for the benefit of all parties concerned were brought forward, and it is hoped that as an outcome of the meeting steps will be taken towards a final solution of the difficulty.

Old Service Resumed

For the first time since the last washouts the E. & N. train will leave the local depot at 9 o'clock this morning. Repairs were completed yesterday and H. E. Beasley, the superintendent, announced last night that no time would be lost in the resumption of the official schedule. Every possible despatch is being exercised in clearing away the freight which has accumulated. Last night four trains reached the city and it is expected that the road will be clear once more in a short time.

Advertise in THE COLONIST

HOW CHRISTMAS HITS THIS MAN

Orphans to Feast Because Seattleite Made Money on Vancouver Island

Because a Seattle man, who has made money in timber on the West coast of this Island, felt that he owed something to the district that had returned him riches, the motherless and fatherless boys and girls at the British Columbia Protestant orphanage will have the best Christmas dinner they ever had in their lives next Saturday.

The timber man in question is Mr. J. M. Britton, who has large holdings on the West Coast and whose face is familiar in Victoria although he makes his home in Seattle. The Christmas spirit gets to Mr. Britton and when he blew into the appetizing store of Dixi Ross & Co. the other day he had his scheme all planned for one of his Yule-tide hand-outs.

"You know those kiddies out at the orphanage?" he said to Mr. Ross.

Mr. Ross allowed that he was cognizant of the parentless ones.

"Well, I want you to go ahead and fix them up a Christmas dinner that'll make their teeth water. Don't permit the thought of expense to enter your mind. Just frame up a lay-out that doesn't overlook anything, send up all the stuff and then send along cooks and the rest to get it ready. Send the bill to me when it's all over."

Following this Mr. Britton went out and arranged to have a cash present sent to every one of the members of the orphanage staff.

What Carte Blanche Means

Mr. Ross got busy on the big order at once and the things he thought of, having the blue sky for a limit, will make a first class cafe look like the diningroom of a logging camp when that orphans' dinner is laid out next Saturday. There are turkeys, big fat ones, the best in the market and no end of them. There are candies, nuts, fruit, cakes, jams, vegetables of all descriptions, cranberry sauce, greens of every variety and no stint of anything. Then there is to be a big Christmas tree with stockings filled with good things for all the boys and girls. Expert cooks will make the feast ready and it will be served at noon on Christmas Day.

Out at the orphanage all is anticipation and some of the boys are even saving up their appetites so as to make a deeper impression on the viands of that Saturday lay-out.

Mr. Britton is back in Seattle. He slipped in and out without saying a word to anyone that wasn't immediately concerned in the affair. He disclaims all credit and declares his gift is nothing. But at the same time there are those who recall a text that goes something like: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of these, my children, ye have done it unto Me."

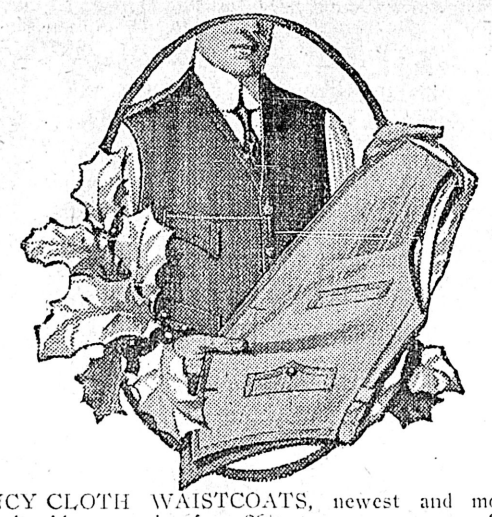
Mr. Owen Sawers of Calgary is spending his holidays with his parents in Vancouver.

The Best Equipped Men's Store in Victoria

GIFTS FOR MEN

Our full page ad. in Sunday's Colonist has solved the gift-problem for many lady shoppers. It contained a long list of real, sensible articles that the average smart man would appreciate. Few things commend themselves, we think, more than Fancy Waistcoats, Dressing Gowns and House Coats.

SEE OUR UNMATCHED VALUES



FANCY CLOTH WAISTCOATS, newest and most exclusive ideas, ranging from $6.50 to **$2.50**
FANCY KNITTED WAISTCOATS, very "classy," wide choice of newest conceptions, at $6.50 to **$2.50**
DRESSING GOWNS, finest choice in British Columbia, very latest designs in best English and American (New York) makes, handsome, fancy patterns and plain, stylish shades, including the newest camel-hair cloth, $20.00 to..... **$5.00**
SMOKING JACKETS, OR HOUSE COATS, an unrivalled smart collection, checks, stripes and plain, exclusive shades, including the new brown and myrtle green, $13.00 to **$5.00**

Our "Certificates" for Hats and Gloves Are Very Popular this Season for Gifts.

ORNAMENTAL CHRISTMAS BOXES

Given Gratis to Purchasers of Neckwear, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, etc.

W. & J. WILSON

MEN'S FURNISHERS,

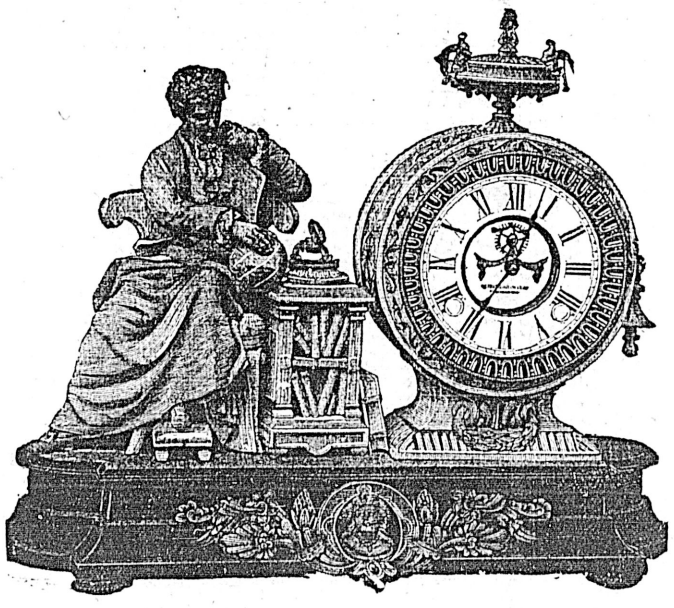
1221 Government St., and Trounce Av.

Challoner & Mitchell

THE JEWELLERS

The Finest Investment in the World

IS A DIAMOND! When all other securities fall in price, when panic seizes the stock markets—diamonds—and diamonds alone remain secure and maintain that steady appreciation in value which makes a diamond "the finest investment in the world." Although there have recently been two distinct rises in the wholesale price, up to Christmas we are making no change in our retail prices, hence all diamond jewelry purchased from us already carries a profit as an investment—IT IS A GIFT WORTH GIVING!



Something More Than a Gift—An Investment

A Beautiful Diamond Ring, or a Diamond intermingled with other Precious Stones, or a Diamond Pendant, or Diamond Earrings, give unalloyed delight—delight that will last a lifetime. Remember, by purchasing your Diamonds from us you select from the largest stock of Flawless Gems west of Toronto.

Gifts in Leather

Not common, built by-the-mile leather goods, but ladies' Handbags, Purses, etc., Gentlemen's Wallets, Pocketbooks, etc., all manufactured from selected hides in exclusive designs by skilled workmen, all in the height of fashion, all dependable merchandise, at prices ranging from a fraction of a dollar upwards. It is the merit of the goods to which we desire to call your attention.

STORE OPEN UNTIL 10 P.M.

FINE CLOCKS

A MARBLE CLOCK at $8 seems very reasonably priced, but when, in addition, it is the workmanship of a world-renowned firm of clock-makers it becomes a gift worthy of any home—such gifts, starting at such reasonable prices, right up to masterpieces in marble, bronze and onyx, flanked with bronze statuary at **$99** for the set, comprise the display of exceptionally handsome clocks we are now offering for the Christmas season.

Challoner & Mitchell

DIAMOND MERCHANTS

1017 Government Street, Victoria, B. C.

Cut Glass Gifts

Our magnificent stock of Cut Glass will catch your eye the moment you enter our showrooms. It looks and is solidly good. Do not be afraid to request a closer inspection of these beautiful pieces of table garniture—they will stand inspection, and you need not fear making a gift of our Cut Glass to an expert. It is the product of such world-famous glass-cutters as J. Hoare & Co., of New York. Prices start at **35¢**

CHRISTMAS GIFTS ENGRAVED FREE

For "His" Stocking

We have countless suggestions for Men's Xmas Presents and everyone could not fail to please the average smart man who is particular about what he wears. Everything shown here is correct in style and exclusive in fashion, yet priced reasonably.

We're handicapped with building operations on both sides, but you'll appreciate our unrivalled values when you get here. Make an effort and see these:

DRESSING GOWNS, the most beautiful range ever shown in Victoria to choose from. Prices $22.50 to **$7.50**
SMOKING JACKETS AND HOUSE COATS, an unrivalled smart collection, all newest styles. Prices, $12.00 to **$5.00**
NECKWEAR, a lovely line of Cravats, all styles to suit every choice dresser. Prices $2.00 to .....**25¢**
UMBRELLAS, a fine range, most worthy goods. Prices $20.00 to **$1.00**

GLOVE AND MERCHANDISE BONDS
Nothing better for Gifts. The recipient then can come here and select just the size and color Gloves he desires or anything else he requires. Come in and we'll tell you more about them.

MOTOR GLOVES, lined with silk or wool.
GAUNTLET GLOVES, a full line.
MOTOR OR TRAVELLING RUGS, English goods, very handsome, most desirable for gifts. Prices $25.00 to **$5.00**

LADIES' GIFTS—Gloves or Umbrellas are very happy thoughts. They are here for you, too, and priced low as possible for the Xmas Trade.

F. A. GOWEN

Amalgamated with T. B. Cuthbertson & Co.,
The Gentlemen's Store. 1114 Government Street.

THE STORK CHILDREN'S STORE

Xmas Gifts

FOR THE LITTLE ONES

Our stock is full of dainty, useful and pretty articles that make a handsome present for the baby.
Infants' Wool Coats, up from 65c
Infants' Hand Crocheted Sets, beautifully made, pure wool and silk trimmings, comprising hood, coat, bootees and mitts. A splendid gift $5.00
Children's Fur Sets, from 95c
Children's Fur Muffs, from 45c
We have on view the best selection of popularly priced Dolls in the city. Call and see our stock and prices. You will be pleased.

R. TUNNICLIFFE & CO., 643 FORT STREET

If He Shaves Give Him a "Gillette"

A splendid Gift would be this best of all Safety Razors. It would enable "him" to shave himself in safety and comfort and make shaving a downright pleasure as well as an economy.

Our Price From $5.00

CYRUS H. BOWES,

Chemist. 1228 Government St.

OBITUARY NOTICES

Wark.

The funeral of the late John McAdoo Wark, who died on Monday last, will take place this afternoon at 2.15 o'clock from the family residence, 309 Simcoe street, to St. James' Church, where the services will be held at 2.30 o'clock. Interment will be made at Ross Bay cemetery.

Jamieson

The funeral of John Gray Jamieson, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Jamieson, took place yesterday afternoon at 2.30 from the family residence and later at Ross Bay cemetery. The Rev. Dr. Campbell officiated at the house and also at the grave.

Johnson

The funeral of the late Edward Cody Johnson took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence at 2 p. m., where a short service was conducted by the Rev. C. E. Cooper, and then proceeded to St. John's church, where further service was conducted by the Rev. C. E. Cooper at the church an graveside. The mayor and city officials attended, also the members of the British Columbia Pioneer Society in a body. Many beautiful flowers were presented. The pallbearers were:—W. W. Northcott, Wm. Dalby, Wm. Humphreys, Robt. Carter, H. R. Young, H. E. Babington.

AN OLD SAYING.

Showing How Cause and Effect Are Never Far Removed.

It is an old saying "Where there's honey there's bees"—not less true is one which science has coined more recently, "Where there's Dandruff there's germs"—and—to push the inference still further we may truly say "Where there's Dandruff cured Newbro's Herpicide has been at work."

The reason of Herpicide's isolation as a genuine cure for Dandruff lies in the fact that it attacks and destroys the root of the whole trouble—a parasitic germ which feeds upon the material which nourishes the hair follicle.

Other so-called remedies are not directed at this true cause of the disease.

Accept no substitute, there is none. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

One Dollar bottles guaranteed.

Cyrus H. Bowes, Special Agent, 1228 Government St.

All Fears at Rest.

A telegram from Revelstoke of yesterday states that the electors of Canoe River, where a belated vote was taken on Thursday last, have given Hon. Taylor a substantial majority. Particulars of the vote are following by post.

Christmas Billiard Handicap

The Christmas billiard handicap played in the Empress hotel is now in full swing. The marks range from minus 125 to plus 125 in a game of 250 up. Already a number of heats have been played, and in all probability the handicap will come to an end by the New Year. Shortly after that time it is proposed to institute an American tournament from the scratch mark, the winner to be adjudged the champion of British Columbia.

We have made a specialty this season of English felt slippers and our prices are extremely moderate. Call and see them. Watson's Shoe Store, next King Edward Hotel, Yates St. *

The new Book of Common Praise will be used at Christ Church Cathedral for the first time on Xmas Day. What more appropriate present than one of these, which we have in all bindings. M. W. Waitt & Co., Ltd. *

Call and inspect our large range of Ladies' and Gentlemen's fine leather and felt slippers for Christmas. We have one of the best assorted stocks of these lines and our prices are the lowest. Watson's Shoe Store, next King Edward Hotel, Yates St. *

Decorated China suitable for Xmas gifts. Regular prices cut in two, at 558 Johnson street.- A. J. Clyde. *

SHOP EARLY—
TIME PASSES

Two more days before the blaze of morning sunlight through the haze proclaims the maze of Christmas Day, so shop away and do not stay your hand I say until that day. Get the hop for the Christmas shop and do not stop till you have your crop of Christmas things all in and your tin, to the last cent, is spent on a sentiment that's good all through, but which makes you swear if you stand it off till the very air is filled with the rush and the jam and the crush and the pull and the haul and the punch and the maul and the run and the jump and the shove and the thump of a thousand buyers who wait and wait, then all crowd in so they won't be late; a thousand buyers who swear and sweat, who squeeze and reach, who fume and fret; a thousand buyers crowding through a thousand others just like you. Say, that's no way to get a hop for the Christmas shop, is it? Wow, do it NOW.

As a matter of fact, many merchants, seen yesterday, stated that owing to the Colonist's timely articles on the advisability of shopping early the public had accomplished a great part of its shopping this season away in advance of the usual rush time. Business has been on the jump for two weeks and Saturday and yesterday were record-breakers, while Monday, too, was well up to the maximum. This all means an easier time for the clerks and greater satisfaction for the purchasers. There has never been a Chirstmas business season like the present one!

MAILS GROW MUCH HEAVIER

Christmas Rush at Local Post Office Commences—Working Overtime

The largest number of sacks of mail received this season at the local postoffice and almost the largest handled in the history of the office came to hand last evening upon the arrival of the Princess Victoria from Vancouver. Nearly one hundred sacks of letter mail alone was received, not including the extremely heavy parcel post from the Old Land and innumerable sacks of Christmas packages which will keep the large staff now employed at the office sorting until possibly noon today.

Over ten extra men have been commissioned in the local office while it is the intention to add to the steamer staff now greatly assisting in the work. It is also found necessary to press the carriers into extra service and the entire list will be on duty every night from now on until the Christmas rush is completed. The Sound mail the last few days has also double for this city.

CELEBRATE VICTORY

Central Esquimalt Conservatives at Enjoyable Affair—Thanks to H. D. Helmcken, K. C.

The Central division of the Esquimalt Conservative district held a delightful banquet last evening at Colwood Hotel, Colwood, when a large number of the prominent Conservatives of the district were present. The event proved a most enthusiastic one. Among those present were H. G. Heald, Bonnycastle Dale, David Hendry, and a large number of others. From the city were present H. Dallas Helmcken, K.C., and H. B. Thomson, M.P.P. A. J. Inverarity presided at the head of the board.

After the banquet a musical programme interspersed the number of speeches which were made. The recent success won by the great Conservative party formed the keynote of the speeches which were repeatedly and loudly cheered.

At the conclusion of the affair the following resolution was unanimously passed: "That this meeting presents to Mr. H. G. Helmcken, K.C., a hearty vote of thanks for his services to the district of Esquimalt."

Letters were received from the Premier and Hon. Thomas Taylor, minister of public works, regretting their inability to be present.

ST. ANDREW'S ENTERTAINMENT

Monthly Event Attracts Large Attendance—Ladies Will Give Hogmanay Ball

A larger attendance than usual, testifying to the growing popularity of the concerts and dances given monthly by St. Andrew's society, enjoyed last night's entertainment. An excellent concert programme was rendered in which the following participated: Bagpipe selection, Pipe Major E. Wishart; songs, by John Fairey, Mrs. Butler, James Taylor; highland fling, Miss Murray; selections by Miss Flo. Angus and Mr. Nixon; recitation, by Mrs. Marks and comic recitation by Will Brown. Following the concert refreshments were served and then dancing was indulged in until an early hour. Miss Thain's orchestra supplied the dance music.

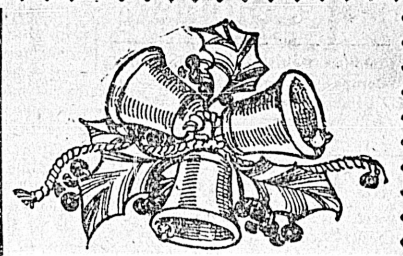
T. M. Brayshaw, the newly elected president of the society ,occupied the chair and welcomed the guests. He commented on the growth of the society and pointed to the necessity, in view of the growing popularity of the monthly entertainments, of securing some more commodious quarters. He also stated that hereafter the concert portion of the programme would be commenced sharp at 8.15 o'clock.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the society will give a concert and dance on Hogmanay Night, New Year's Eve, at the A. O. U. W. hall, and great preparations are being made for the event. The best local talent will be engaged for the ocasion. Tickets are now on sale by members of the committee which is composed of the following: Mrs. Pottinger, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Angus, Mrs. Florence, Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Manson and other members of the auxiliary. A programme of twenty-two dances has been prepared.

Campbell's

FASHION CENTRE

We ourselves the better served by serving others best.

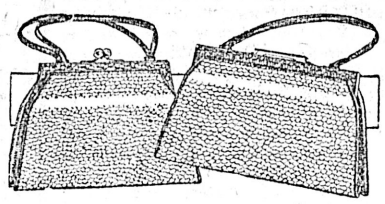


Just 3 Days More

Time is certainly getting limited, but there is yet time to take advantage of our

SALE IN BAGS

Regular values up to $6.75; sale price.$6.75
Regular values up to $1.25; sale price.. 90c
SPECIAL LINE OF BELTS
Excellent values at..75c



FANS Regular values $2.00. Special price **$1.25**

We Issue Glove Script All the Year Round

A few further suggestions for Xmas gifts:

SILVER PURSES — UNDERSKIRTS
HAIR ORNAMENTS — INFANTS' APPAREL
GLOVES — HOSE
UMBRELLAS — NECKWEAR

Open Evenings — The Ladies' Store — **ANGUS CAMPBELL & CO., LIMITED** — 1010 Gov't St. — Open Evenings

REDFERN & SONS

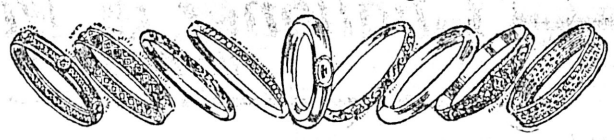
A Few Suggestions For the Careful Giver

From the Store Whose Foundation Stands on Quality and Honest Values

Small Travelling and Mantel Clocks

CALENDAR CLOCKS, very neat and fitted snugly in calendar, $12.00 and **$10.50**
SMALL TRAVELLING CLOCKS, close up like pocketbooks, in alligator skin or morocco, $15 to **$10.00**
SMALL MANTEL CLOCKS, in silver, nickel and gilt frames, from $17.50 to **$2.50**
DUTCH CLOCKS, with enamelled face, showing Dutch scenes, at each **$4.00**
SMALL NICKEL ALARM CLOCKS, $3.50 and **$2.50**

Extra Values in Rings



LADIES' RINGS—There is not a better display than ours anywhere. In re-stocking for the Xmas trade, we made a number of exclusive purchases which will particularly interest the ladies. Among them are some of the daintiest styles you ever saw.

Imitation Stones Set in Solid Gold Rings

Emerald, Sapphire, Ruby, Topaz, Olivine and Peridot. Special price **$2.50**
Little better quality at **$4.00**
Extra fine quality, $12 to **$6.00**
Combination Settings, very good value at **$7.50**

Ladies' Diamond Rings

Small Single Stone, set in solid gold **$7.50**
Large Single Stones, well cut, in perfect setting, up from.....**$22.50**
Three-stone Diamond Rings, very pretty, stones beautifully cut, perfect setting, up from **$55.00**
One Exceptional Pretty ,3 Diamonds, for **$55.00**
Marquese Ring, very choice **$175.00**
Marquese Ring, emerald and diamond **$250.00**
All Sorts of Cluster Rings, in rubies, emeralds, pearls, opals, sapphire, up from **$90.00**
Three-stone Rings, opals and 2 diamonds, diamond and two sapphires, etc., up from **$25.00**
We make Rings up in any setting or style desired.

Bracelets in Solid Gold

Plain, 14-kt. **$13.50**
French finish, ruby in centre, one pearl each side, very neat looking **$22.50**
Double Chain, with three diamonds, dull finish **$40.00**
Bracelets in bright finish, light, various designs, 50c to **$10.00**

ALL GENUINE STONES

A choice assortment of the newest in ladies' hair ornaments. The Diadem, the latest and prettiest French hair ornament, $4.00 to **75¢**
BACK AND FRONT COMBS, in various designs and patterns, from **$1.00**
Very good values in Ladies' and Gentlemen's Watch Chains:
Gentlemen's, in solid gold, up from **$10.00**
Ladies', in solid gold, up from **$17.50**
Gentlemen's, in gold filled, up from **$1.00**
Ladies', in gold filled, up from **$5.00**
Patterns of Chains are: Rope, Trace, Fetter, Curb, Alma, and various other designs.

Silverware Suggestions for Xmas

SILVER BACK HAIR BRUSHES, really magnificent, beautifully chased and engraved, beaded edges, very exclusive, at....**$10.00**
SILVER BACK HAIR BRUSHES, in various patterns, at from $10.00 to **$4.00**
MIRRORS to match, from $20.00 to **$7.50**
CLOTHES BRUSHES, silver backs, up from **$2.50**
COMBS, silver backs, up from **$1.25**
COMPLETE SETS, in handsome cases, from $65.00 to.....**$15.00**

For the Gentlemen

EBONY MILITARY BRUSHES, genuine ebony, $7.50 and **$6.00**
EBONY SET, consisting of mirror, two brushes and comb, large and small clothes brush, a beauiful gift **$16.00**
Monograms affixed as desired.
Cigar and Cigarette Cases, and Smokers' other accessories.
DIAMOND SCARF PINS in various designs, such as horseshoe, crescent, star, solitaire. Extensive range of prices, up from $10, $15, $25 and **$35**
DIAMOND RING, single stone in any setting you may wish, $25 to **$300**
CUFF LINKS, set with diamonds, up from **$10**
SOLID GOLD STUDS—In sets of 3 round or flat tops, dull or bright, finish, up from **$3.00**
In sets of 3, with various genuine stone settings, up from.....**$5.00**
Large collar buttons, up from **$1.00**
SOLID GOLD CUFF LINKS, plain, bright or dull finish up from **$2.50**
Set with various genuine stones, up from **$9.00**
GOLD FILLED, studs, in set of 3, up from **$1.00**
Every lady entering our store will receive one of our handsome Calendars.

For the Lady

MANICURING SETS, beautifully mounted in sterling silver, up from **$7.50**
MANICURING SETS, in heavy plate....**$4.00**
WRITING SET, just the thing to add to the charm of a lady's secretaire, ink well, silver lid, pen holder, sterling, and pen wiper set in sterling silver base **$6.00**
LADIES' TRAVELLING CASES, containing almost everything necessary for the ladies' toilet. Each piece mounted in sterling silver, up from **$20.00**
SMALL WHISKS, silver handles **$1.75**
POMADE JARS, cut glass with silver tops, up from **$1.00**
POWDER PUFF JARS, cut glass with silver tops, up from **$4.00**
JEWEL CASES, in silver, plain and fancy, up from **$6.00**
Very cheap but good line, up from.....**75¢**
LEATHER JEWEL CASES, very handsome, mounted in sterling silver, $35 to....**$10.00**
SMALL JEWEL BOXES, in oak and ebony, up from.....**$1.00**
Every lady entering our store this week will be presented with one of our handsome calendars.

1009 Government Street, Victoria, B. C.

VICTORIA'S GIFT TO POOR OF LONDON

Nearly Four Hundred Subscribed to Date—Short Time Remains to Swell Christmas Box

Victoria's contribution to the Christmas cheer of the children of London, England, who live in poverty this year totals nearly $400. The actual figure is $398.95. A. J. Brace and others interested in making the collections are anxious to see that amount swelled to such an extent that it will be possible for them to place in the hands of the Shaftesbury Society, which has charge of the expenditure of the money, a clear four hundred dollars. This means that there will have to be more subscriptions because although there is almost that sum on hand there is the expense of cabling. Those who would like to assist in this worthy charity are asked to do so without delay.

Those who have subscribed to date follow:

Miss R. Colles, 50c; Mrs. M. A. Vigor, $2; Mrs. T. Turner, $2; D. Nicolls, 60c; Miss Schofield, $5; Miss M. S. Moore, $1; Miss Porter, $5; Mrs. St. Clair, $2; a friend, $1.50; M. B., $1; Mrs. Truin, $1; Copas Bros., $2; A. H. Ridgman, $1; A. J. Howard Potts, $25; Mrs. P. Wilson, $1; Bishop Cridge, $2; Miss Bond, 25c; Miss McIwaine, 25c; Miss Mollette, 25c; Mrs. F. Clark, 50c; Victoria West Baptist Mission, $8.50; James Bay Methodist S. S., $12; Christ Church S. S., 2nd, $2; Burnside Baptist S. S., $3.65; Victoria West Methodist S. S., $11.75; St. Andrew's Presbyterian S. S., $17.50; Reformed Episcopal S. S., $18.75; St. James Episcopal S. S., $6.25; St. Paul's Presbyterian S. S., $6.25; Victoria Bible Society, $3; Miss Bannister, $1.50; Aberdeen Loon, $1; anonymous, $2.20; Metropolitan Methodist S. S., $29.35; total, $398.95.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE

In supreme court chambers yesterday before Chief Justice Hunter a writ of habeas corpus with costs against the crown was issued in the case of George Sye, a West Coast Indian serving 4 term in the provincial jail on a sentence imposed at Clayoquot, Nov. 24, on a charge of theft. The grounds set forth that Sye had been given no opportunity to elect for trial and on this irregularity in the proceedings the order was made to set the Indian free. Mr. R. C. Lowe for the defendant; Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken for the crown.

In the supreme court tomorrow argument will be heard in the case of Forest v. Spears, a will case.

In the county court yesterday before Judge Lampman, J. A. Aikman on behalf of James Donegan who was awarded damages to the extent of $234 against the city last week in an action relative to the loss of three cows through impounding, applied for costs on a higher scale than is allowed by the county court. The application was disallowed.

Fellow Adventurers.

In argument on the law in the case of Middleton v. Winsby a dispute over a real estate commission Judge Lampman reserved judgment. In commenting on the case his honor said: "No man must be in a position where self interest and duty conflict. A church congregation may be looked upon as a band of fellow adventurers and there must be good faith amongst them. Because one or another of them is not a paid employee or trustee for the whole no reason why he should try to do up the men who sit next him in church meeting."

The case was one in which Mr. Middleton, a member of a local church claimed a commission for his part in negotiating the purchase by the congregation of a site for a new edifice. R. T. Elliott, K. C. for the defendant and J. A. Aikman for the plaintiff.

Big Turkey Shoot.

At Hackett's Shooting Gallery, 520 Johnson street. One Turkey given away each day.

Book of Songs Given Away

Everyone entering our store this week, will be given a book of songs. Call and get one. M. W. Waitt & Co., Ltd. *

The Beehive Cash Store, Douglas St., is renowned for English Skirts, Blouses and Hosiery, any of these make acceptable presents. Our 35c Hose, 3 for $1.00, is simply splendid and wears fine; the 25c line is the best in the city and cannot be beaten. *

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THE INNER HARBOR.

The improvement of the inner harbor is a matter of prime concern to the citizens of Victoria. It must be clear to every one that Victoria has reached a stage in its history when old conditions are passing away very rapidly. Among the contemplated improvements are those of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway company, and we assume that at no distant date the Canadian Northern may be expected to develop plans in the same direction. The Colonist is not espousing or opposing any particular plan. All it feels called upon to do at the present time is to mention some of the considerations, which it thinks ought to prevail in determining what shall or shall not be permitted.

The fundamental principle, it seems to us, arises from the fact that the harbor, to be utilized as a port, must be encroached upon more or less by wharves and piers. We cannot hope to make Victoria the centre of a large coasting trade unless we permit the owners of vessels doing businesss here to have facilities of entering and leaving and of storing merchandise. This is such an obvious proposition that possibly the statement of it is unnecessary, and yet, judging from some of the objections made, it is considered by some people sufficient to provide such facilities as will not be quite good enough. The harbor belongs to no one. The Canadian Pacific owns a part of the waterfront, the Grand Trunk Pacific owns another part; the Alaska Steamship company another part; the Hudson Bay company another part, and private owners other parts. But these people do not own the harbor, which is for the use of the citizens, and the exercise of such rights as the waterfront owners may possess must be in keeping with the rights of the whole community. No one waterfront owner ought to be allowed to establish a practical monopoly for ships of the class that hereafter will be engaged in the coasting trade. There must be a certain amount of give and take.

It is obvious that ideas as to the use of the inner harbor, formed when it was frequented by small vessels, cannot be allowed to prevail now that ships, like the Princess Charlotte, Princess Victoria and the forthcoming Prince Rupert and Prince George, are to be regular visitors. We must either provide facilities for the ready entry and departure of such craft or they will not come here. No preconceived plan that any one may have formed under different circumstances ought to be allowed to prevail, if it will interfere with the use of the port by such ships.

The concrete proposition before the citizens just now arises from the fact that the Canadian Pacific makes Victoria one of the ports to which their Princesses resort, and the Grand Trunk Pacific wishes to bring its Princes here. There are two large Princesses and there will be two large Princes. The largest of the four will be the Princess Charlotte, which is 340 feet in length. The two Princes will be 318 feet in length. The Princess Victoria is 306 feet in length. The question is how to provide accommodation for the Princes that will not materially interfere with the entry and departure of the Princesses from the dock now used by them. Manifestly the necessary dockage for the Princes must encroach upon a part of the water now available for the use of the Princesses, if they choose to use it. The question is whether or not the construction of such facilities as the Princes will require will necessarily obstruct to an injurious extent the use by the Princesses of the facilities which they already have. We think we are justified in saying that, if there is only room in the inner harbor for the vessels of one system, they ought to be given the preference over newcomers and competitors. In other words it would not be fair to let the Grand Trunk Pacific in, if thereby we would drive the Canadian Pacific out. The Canadian Pacific came here and built its wharves and hotel, and this gives it a strong claim upon the good will of the people of Victoria. We do not think the representatives of the Grand Trunk Pacific will dispute the proposition that the citizens must see, if they can, that the Canadian Pacific is not prevented by anything their company may do, from enjoying the benefit of what it has already done. At the same time the objections of the Canadian Pacific ought not to prevail unless it can be shown that the proposed works of the Grand Trunk Pacific will be an unreasonable interference with the enjoyment of the privileges now enjoyed by the former company.

We have, as citizens, to bear in mind in considering this question that we want both companies to send their ships here under the most favorable conditions possible; that we do not want one company to impede the operations of the other; that we do not wish to take such a course as will drive the Grand Trunk Pacific to give this port a minimum instead of a maximum service. We want the best that both companies can give, and instead of throwing obstacles in the way of the new comers, we ought to bend all our energies and all our influence to secure such conditions as will bring all the ships of both companies here, and make it the object of both of them to develop the business of this port.

Under these circumstances, it seems to us that it would be a mistake to approach the consideration of this subject with preconceived ideas. There are other ports than Victoria where vessels have to manoeuvre in narrow waters. Most of us here know very little about such things. With all due deference to the representatives of the rival companies, we may assume that each of them will state the case as strongly as he can for his company. We also think we do no one an injustice if we suggest that the experience of Victoria in the past is not a very safe guide wherewith to determine the plans upon which the business of the port shall be conducted in the future. There is a certain water area now available for steamships; a certain other space can be rendered available in a short time and at no great expense relatively speaking. It seems to us that what the citizens have to consider is what is the best way of utilizing this available and potentially available space so as to provide the best possible facilities for the companies desiring to use this port. It is a plain practical question, in the consideration of which the experience of other harbors of restricted area can guide us and the experience of unbiassed navigators ought to be of some assistance.

Just now we shall make no further comments upon the subject, but leave it for the consideration of citizens generally.

THE SOOKE LAKE PROPOSITION.

It is proposed to submit a bylaw at the time of the municipal election so that the ratepayers may pronounce upon the desirability of going to Sooke for a water supply. We have no objection to the submission of such a proposal, and may not endeavor to influence the citizens one way or the other upon the question, although that will depend upon the developments of the campaign, but we do think that a very unfortunate time has been chosen for the submission of the question. We can imagine circumstances possible to arise as the result of the election, which might make the ratepayers very chary about voting money for such a purpose. In short, we do not think an outgoing City Council ought to seek to tie the hands of its successors in office, or commit the citizens to something which the composition of the new municipal government might lead them to regret. Let us wait until a new mayor and a new set of Aldermen have been chosen. Let us know under whose supervision the proposed work is to be undertaken before we are called upon to vote the money for it. A question of such importance ought to be free from any association with ordinary municipal politics.

Under these circumstances we venture to suggest to the Mayor and Aldermen that they would be well advised if they delayed the vote on the proposed bylaw until their sucessors in office have had an opportunity to pronounce upon it. The new council not the present one, will have to carry the bylaw into effect, if it is adopted; they ought to be permitted to have a voice in framing it. We fear that its submission at the municipal election will prevent such an expression of opinion upon it as is desirable. There is need for prompt action, we concede, but none for undue haste. Another month's delay would not be prejudical to the interests of the city.

MR. ADAM'S LETTER.

The third epistle of Adams to the Victorians is a singular document. The writer of it seems to treat the matter of the Smith's Hill Reservoir as something with which he has only an academic concern. He is willing to come here and make the Reservoir as watertight as is practicable, on certain conditions, conditions which we do not suppose the citizens would for a single moment tolerate. The Colonist has hitherto in its comments upon this question confined itself to narrating the facts or what were said to be the facts, and urging inquiry; but a letter such as Mr. Adams has sent to the Water Commissioner compels us to say that there seems to be "something rotten in the State of Denmark." We are not going into details at all. We take the case just as it stands. The ratepayers voted a large sum of money to build the Reservoir. They paid an engineer a high salary to draw the plans and see that the work was properly done. The Engineer in his letter substantially admits that the Reservoir is not what it ought to be, and he proposes terms upon which he will come here and make repairs upon a work that has never yet been really used. That is all that seems necessary to say on the subject; but it surely is enough to make it necessary that some one should be called to account. We have understood the Mayor to claim that the Reresvoir is a success. If it is a success, what is Mr. Adams asked to come here and repair? If it is not a success; if it is so far from being a success that the city's expert declines to make it what it ought to be unless he is given a free hand, where does the responsibility for the bad work lie? This is something that seems to call for an investigation. If Mr. Adams had said that the Reservoir is just what it was intended to be, the question would be as to his judgment of what is a sufficient Reservoir; but he admits that it is not what it ought to be. Then whose fault is it? We suggest that the out-going council would do well to take steps to determine this point.

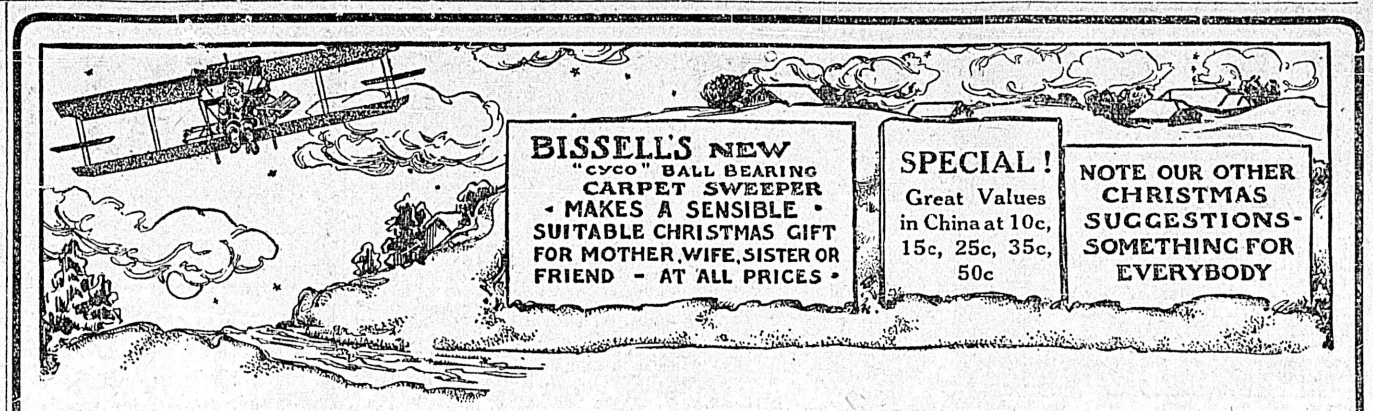
A USEFUL PRACTICE.

Yesterday Messrs. McBride, Thomson and Davey, representatives of Victoria in the local legislature, had a conference with the Council of the Board of Trade. Mr. Behnsen, being out of town, was not able to be present. As the conference was of a confidential character, what transpired at it will not be given to the public. The reason for this will be obvious on a little consideration. The Council of the Board of Trade is not confined to the members of any political party, but it is a representatife body of business men. They meet their representatives not as politicians, but as the persons chosen to act for the city in the legislature. Necessarily at such meetings things are likely to be talked over, upon which wide differences of opinion have been expressed by those who have or assume to have the right to speak for political parties, and if what is said in the course of an informal discussion were made public, embarrassing situations might very easily be created. Representative men would very properly decline to meet citizens and express themselves unreservedly if they felt that what they said might be used for political purposes. At the same time the nature of the Council of the Board of Trade and the fact that members of the Board, not on the Council, can, if they wish and so express themselves, be present on such occasions, prevent such conferences from being hole-in-the-corner affairs. The Council has had frequent interviews with Mr. Templeman since he became a member of the Cabinet, and they have always been treated as confidential. Indeed on one occasion when it was proposed that what Mr. Templeman had said should be reduced to writing and after being submitted to him for approval, should be placed upon the minutes, the suggestion was rejected by the Council because it was felt that to adopt such a course would be to interfere with that free expression of opinion which is desirable upon such occasions.

We think that the holding of such conferences is an excellent practice, and we have no doubt that they will be welcomed by the city's representatives. Only good can come from them. The habit of public men as a rule is not to consult with organized bodies of their constituents in regard to details of public matters. This applies to every constituency on the province, and we might probably say with truth to every constituency in the Dominion. It is not uncommon for them to meet their own party organizations, but on such occasions subjects are very naturally discussed from a party standpoint. In the United States representatives avowedly recognize their responsibility to their party rather than to the country at large, and there is somewhat of a drift in that direction in the Dominion. But such a meeting as that held this morning is calculated to arrest any such tendency. From some experience of the ways of politicians, we feel that we can say that they welcome the confidence of their constituents, and are glad to know in advance what is expected of them. Great good results from a free interchange of views. When a number of people sit down and discuss any subject it is surprising how much can be accomplished in the way of clearing the ground of difficulties. We hope that the practice inaugurated yesterday in regard to local questions will be continued.

Speaking of the growth of Victoria, our evening contemporary declares itself opposed to the doctrine implied in the words "Let Her Boom," which this journal used a few days ago. And yet we venture to repeat, "Let Her Boom." It is a pretty hard job for the Colonist to keep pace with the growing demand upon its advertising columns; but we shall only say "Lay on Macduff, and our compliments to the man who cries 'Hold Enough'" and request him to extend his consideration to some one else. Talk about booms. Victoria has not the least idea of what a boom is like from its own experience. All that is now transpiring is that a few of our own people, who are just as well able to read the signs of the times as our contemporary or ourselves, have been buying some real estate. When a "boom" starts there will be a different story to tell.

Yesterday on the strength of a cablegram in an eastern exchange we said that the son of the Earl of Aberdeen died from injuries received in a hunting accident. This was incorrect. The London Daily Mail thus describes the accident. "Mr. Gordon was driving with his chaffeur about two o'clock in the afternoon towards Andover. He was a mile from Winchester when, as he was passing a cross road from Haverstock, another motor car emerged on to the Andover road. This car was driven by Mr. Saunders Clarke, of Sparsholt, who had with him his chauffeur and a friend. The two cars collided with great violence. Mr. Gordon's car was struck about the centre, and turned completely over, landing in the opposite hedge and pinning Mr. Gordon underneath it. Mr. Gordon was extracted from the wreckage by villagers and conveyed to the Royal Hampshire Country Hospital, where an operation was performed."



SPECIAL GIFT OFFERINGS TODAY

Tardy Arrivals That Are Priced to Clear in a Hurry

IT'S an ill wind"—you know the rest. This season you profit by the disorganization of traffic incident to the recent heavy rains and slides. Many shipments arriving daily should have been here some days ago—shipments of holiday merchandise. To make certain of a clearance before the holiday, we are marking these at very low prices, and it'll pay every Victorian, who has a gift to purchase, to keep in close touch with the daily additions to this stock of ours.

You won't find two prices—the regular and the special—but you'll find a value that'll speak louder than any such method of pricing. We list on this page a few of the offerings, but would impress upon you the desirability of a personal inspection of this vast assemblage of practical gifts. Don't miss it. Choose today—gifts delivered later.

Special Value Counters Are a Feature—See Them

SPECIAL attention is called to the Special Value Counters. By these we mean counters on which odd lines of china, etc., are placed for speedy riddance. Each counter contains a range of gift pieces at a certain price—one is a 5-cent counter, another a 10-cent counter, etc. The values in many instances reach double the price asked, and hundreds of excellent gift things are numbered in the offerings.

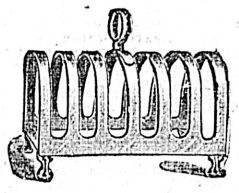
For the person with a long list of friends and with but a very limited bank account, these counters are particularly welcome. Daily new things are being added, and you shouldn't fail to visit this department today, and every day until Christmas.

Counters at 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c, 35c and 50c

Shaving Mugs 25c

Shaving Mugs from **25¢**—settles the gift question for some. Dainty decorated china.

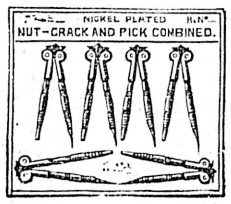
Moustache Cups — excellent line at **25¢**.



Toast Racks $2.50

Silver-plated Toast Racks in a great variety of designs. Prices ranging from **$2.50**.

Hundreds of gifts in silver here. Great values offered.

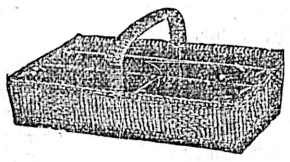


Nut Cracks at 35c

Nut-cracks are needed for Christmas. Several styles here. Priced at 65c and **35¢**

Silver-plated styles at **$1.00**.

Lots of China Nut Bowls.



Knife Baskets 65c

A Knife Basket of such splendid design as these would make an ideal gift for your home—or any home. Just received an excellent line of Wicker Knife Baskets, priced at **60¢, 75¢, $1.00, $2.50**.

Special Values in Handsome Cut Glass Today

We have just opened a shipment of decidedly attractive Cut Glass, fresh from one of Austria's foremost makers. Late in arriving is the main reason for the special pricing of these pieces. Here is an opportunity to secure a splendid gift at a little price. Glass is of finest quality, cutting deep and attractive patterns. Dont' miss seeing these great values.

CUT GLASS VASES—Specimen vases—6 inches high—dainty cut star pattern. Splendid for single roses or other flowers. Special at .....**25¢**

SUGARS AND CREAMS—Attractive shapes, with a pleasing cut star pattern. The pair are specially priced at **$1.00**

CREAM JUGS—Specially priced at, each .....**40¢**

WHISKY JUGS—Diamond cut stopper, cut neck, cut star bottom. A very attractive whisky, and special value at, each **$1.50**

VINEGAR OR OIL BOTTLES—Cut stopper and neck, and cut star bottom. Special value at **$1.50**

Everything you need in Crystal Glassware for the Holidays.

Here Are Some New Arrivals—Splendid Gifts

Crumb Brush and Tray

Just received, a shipment of these. Splendid for gift giving because they are practical. Come in and see them.

HEAVY JAPANNED, decorated, splendid Brush. From.....$1.00

POLISHED OAK, best bristle Brush. Priced at.....$1.50

EMBOSSED, polished brass, best Brush, at $2.25

New Table Mats

Another excelent new arrival—these are Mats. Just in time for Christmas, the time of times for Table Mats.

Some very attractive Lincrusta Walton Mats in either oval or oblong shapes and in pretty green, blue or buff tints. A set of 8, asserted sizes, for.....$1.00

WILLOW MATS—6 for.....50c

Hearth Brushes

A Hearth Brush is something every home needs and these are of such attractive style as to make splendid gifts.

In Black or brass, at.....50c

All Bristle Brushes for Crumb Trays at..50c

DOZENS OF NEW KITCHEN THINGS.

CHILD'S SETS—Knife, fork and spoon of Potosi silver—will not tarnish. Three pieces in case, for 50c

CHILD'S SETS—In 1847 Rogers Bros. silver plate. Knife, fork and spoon. In lined case, at.....$1.75

Some splendid gift pieces in B. C. and Victoria souvenir china. Just the thing to send some out-of-town friend. Dainty, yet little-priced. See it on the balcony.

SMOKERS' SETS in brass. Some of the handsomest we have ever shown. Prices range at $7.50, $7 and.....$6.50

TOBACCO JARS, earthenware styles. Priced at $2 and..$1.00

STEINS for the men folk. Many styles and sizes. Some silver mounted. Prices start at..75c

TOBACO BOXES of China. Big value at 25c

ELECTRIC PORTABLE LAMPS in the newest Mission effects. Desirable lamps for reading purposes. Decidedly artistic. Priced from.....$6.50

BOOKRACKS for table use. Convenient, useful articles. In mission designed oak; some with brass trimmings. Prices start at.....$1.25

INKSTANDS in oak and in brass. Big choice from..$1.50

CAMPHOR TRUNKS make ideal gifts for ladies. The safe way to keep valuable furs as moths or other insects positively cannot live inside these. Priced from.....$7.50

You'll find these trunks on the second floor and while there we would suggest that you see the special showing of holiday gifts. Many desirable articles shown. All prices.

Newest Bisque Figures at Very Enticing Prices

Bisque Figures were ever a popular gift line, but we predict for these new arrivals a very speedy leap to popularity. We have just opened one of the finest assortments of Bisque Figures we have ever shown. These were personally selected, and the styles are far above the average.

Delayed in transit, they have arrived later than anticipated, and so we are offering special values to clear the whole lot before Christmas, and it should be easy at these low pricings. Don't miss these. Figures, flower holders, ornaments, etc., are included and the prices are far below the regular.

9 inch Figures, special, 25c; 12-inch Figures, special, 50c; Larger sizes at 75c, $1.50, $2.50

Kettles and Stands $3.50

One of these serviceable Kettles and Stands would make an ideal gift for some lady friend. In nickel-plated, brass and copper. Prices range at from **$3.50 to $25**

Unbeatable China Values

You'll find every one of these items listed below unusually good in quality, superior in decoration, uncommonly low in price. The list represents but a very few of hundreds of similar values to be found in this store—the ideal gift store.

BABY PLATES, several styles and decorations, from, each.....**5¢**
CHILDREN'S MUGS, fancfully decorated china mugs, from, each..**5¢**
CUPS AND SAUCERS, a big range of decorations, from .....**10¢**
MANICURE TRAYS, in fancy decorated china ,from, each .....**25¢**
TRINKET BOXES, a wide choice in these china pieces, from ...**25¢**
MUFFIN PLATES or Bread and Butter Plates, from, each .....**10¢**
JUMBO CUPS—Send one of these as a "joke." Priced at.....**35¢**
HAT PIN HOLDERS, in china. We have them priced at .....**25¢**
CARD BOXES, for playing cards—in china, at, each .....**25¢**
CAKE PLATES, fancy decorated china. Great values at .....**25¢**
LEAF SHAPE TRAYS, daintily decorated china, at, each.....**25¢**
SALT CELLARS, in glass. Put one at every plate. Each.....**5¢**
MARMALADE JARS—We show a great choice in these useful pieces. A gift of one of these would be appreciated. All prices, but some great values at 50c, 35c and .....**25¢**
CHILDREN'S TEA SETS, dainty china sets of 17 pieces, not toy sets but serviceable little outfits. Priced at **$1.25**
CHEESE DISHES—Many styles, including swans, white and gold and floral and white. Prices offer much choice. Some splendid values at .....**50¢**

Berry Sets 13 Pieces $1.50

13-piece Berry Sets at **$1.50** — there's a gift suggestion for you.

Others in very handsome decorations on fine china—7-piece sets—at $4 and **$3.50**.

WEILER'S

We have never before shown such a comprehensive selection of fine Silverware. This year's offerings eclipse all previous attempts in style and value. We claim to offer the best values in the city. Test this statement.

We have the goods to back it. And our guarantee is back of the quality of every piece we sell.

FOR MAYOR

To the Electors of the City of Victoria

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce that I am a candidate for Mayor at the approaching election. After having served as Alderman for three years I now respectfully solicit your vote and influence for the more important position, and promise to do my utmost for the progress and betterment of our city. My views have already been published, and will be ore fully explained from the platform. My principal objects are:

The securing of Sooke as a water supply.

The introduction of more efficient management of the public works department.

The stricter guarding of public morals.

A systematic improvement in making and beautifying our streets and parks.

A. HENDERSON.

Xmas Slippers

The problem of what to buy for Xmas is easily solved by purchasing a comfortable pair of Slippers.

This way for Slippers.

FULLERTON

THE SHOEMAN
1008 GOVERNMENT ST.
(Next to Campbell's)
Phone L1953.

Lever's Y-2 (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder is better than other powders, as it is both soap and disinfectant.

NEW STEAM PLANT PUT IN OPERATION

Addition to B. C. Electric Co.'s System Used to Meet Unlooked for Demand

The new auxiliary steam plant recently installed by the B. C. Electric company on the foreshore at Rock Bay opposite the old plant, which has been yearly put in operation to meet the demands for power, was given its first practical test yesterday morning when about 1.30 o'clock it was called upon, consequent on the necessity of cutting off the Goldstream power because of temporary repairs being made by the E. & N. Railway company at the spot near the Silica Brick Works where the railway company's track was washed out recently.

The E. & N. company, in order to effect repairs and construct a temporary line around the washout was forced to use the roadway along which the power transmission lines of the B. C. Electric company run. For four hours yesterday morning while the necessary work was underway by the railway company, necessitating the removal of four of the poles supporting the power line, the Goldstream power was cut off and the new steam plant put in operation.

By the installation of the new plant the B. C. Electric company has increased its ability to deliver electricity for power, light and heat by 1,000 horse power at an expenditure for building and plant of about $62,000. The machinery was formerly in use in Vancouver and was installed here to give the added power needed consequent of the probable failure of the water power at Goldstream which in past years has overtaxed the old steam plant.

Steady Use Next Year.

For this year the new plant will be used solely as an auxillary in case of necessity, but with the growth of the tramway traffic and the demands for commercial power and lighting it will possibly next year and thereafter be run to full capacity along with the old steam plant and the Goldstream plant. While the full capacity of the new steam plant is 1,000 horse power but 600 horse power was put in operation yesterday morning as at that time the demand is comparatively light. Until the Jordan River plant is running the new plant will be practically kept constanty in use after this year.

The company now has a total horse power of 4,400, of which 3,400 can be secured from Goldstream and the old steam plant and 1,000 from the new plant, the largest amount of power in the history of the company here.

The old steam plant is now in operation from 12 o'clock noon until midnight when the heaviest demand upon the company is experienced. The water supply at Goldstream is good and fully up to the mark but the growth of business in all lines also necessitates the use of the old steam plant.

MORE PERMITS ISSUED

December Aggregate of Building Figures Will Be Well Up to Those of a Year Ago.

Increased demand for building permits has been evidenced during the past few days. So far this month the aggregate value of the buildings for which permits have been issued falls behind that for the corresponding portion of the month a year ago but there are several permits yet to be taken out this month which, it is expected, will swell the monthly total and it is expected that the aggregate for the last month of the year will exceed that for the same month a year ago. If such proves to be the case November will be the only month of the year which has fallen behind any month a year ago.

Yesterday permits were issued to the W. E. Staneland company, which will erect a handsome two-story building to be occupied as office and stores on the site of the present building. The new structure will cost $4,300 and will be erected by Messrs. Moore & Whittington, contractors. Permits have also been taken out by William Scrase for a dwelling on Joseph street to cost $1,000; to H. Jobson for a dwelling on Wilson street to cost $1,850 and to Senator Macdonald for a warehouse on wharf street to cost $300.

BOOTA IS NOW ON HIS DEFENCE

Attempt to Charge a Fellow Countryman Lands Hindu in Trouble

It is doubtful if Boota Singh, that stormy petrel of the local Hindu colony, ever heard of the pitcher which went once too often to the well. There may be some Oriental saying conveying the same meaning but at any rate Boota Singh has been given a very modern, but none the less effective, interpretation of the old saw. After many a time and oft hailing his fellow countrymen into court to answer charges, some of them doubtless true and more of them trumped up, Boota is now up against it himself. And all because he attempted to get the law on four Hindus, Santa Singh, Ralak Singh, Mam Singh and Maramah Singh, whom he had arrested here on a charge of assault with intent to do grievous harm to him.

Alleged Assault

The alleged assault took place on Sunday, the 5th inst., at Port Moody. Boota Singh sought the aid of the authorities and a hunt was made at Port Moody for the four Hindus but they had evidently disappeared, so Boota came back to Victoria expecting to find them here. Wonderful to relate, he did so and pointing out the four to the provincial police he had them arrested and taken back to Port Moody to stand trial.

The hearing was held yesterday before Stipendiary Magistrate Captain Pittendrigh, but the testimony, not only of each of the defendants, but also of Mr. Thompson, foreman at the Moore & Whittington's mill here, at which one of the charged Hindus has been employed, and a statement by a Mr. Donahue, engaged at the Cameron Lumber company's mill here, that two of the other defendants have been employed here and were in the city on the day on which the assault, as alleged by Boota Singh took place, clearly intimated to the magistrate that Boota Singh had wrongly accused his four fellow countrymen. As a result of Boota's insatiate appetite for legal tangles, an appetite many a time and oft demonstrated in the local police court in troubles with his fellow East Indians, Boota will now be held on a charge of perjury. His case will come on later at New Westminster where he swore out the warrant against the four. The latter have returned to the city and will resume their duties at the lumber mills. Hon. Fred Peters, counsel for the defendants, appeared for them at the trial at New Westminster.

While in the city looking for his four so-called assailants Boota declared to the provincial police that in consequence of the attack made upon him he was forced to put in six days in the hospital at Port Moody, but he forgot that there is no such institution in that town.

SURTAX ON GOODS TO GERMANY

Board of Trade Council Meets Representatives in Local Legislature

The council of the board of trade met yesterday morning, the proceedings opening with a letter from the Mexican consul in Vancouver, M. C. Tellez, asking the board to interest itself in the proposed excursion to that country this month.

A letter from G. A. H. Miller, of Montreal, asked for the opinion of the board on the surtax on goods imported from Germany. Following precedent this matter was considered one more for the individual opinion of the board, and consequently it was not considered one which should interest the council.

A letter from the Hamilton board of trade covered a copy of a resolution of that organization respecting trade organizations and combinations having for their object the enhancing of the prices of commodities. It was resolved that every board in Canada be asked for an expression of opinion on this matter.

In view of the provincial government seeing its way to reduce taxation the council appointed a special committee, consisting of J. A. Mara, J. J. Shallcross and H. G. Wilson to report to the council in this connection.

At the meeting, on invitation Hon. Richard McBride, H. B. Thomson and F. Davey, three of the city members, met the council with regard to matters affecting the entry of the Canadian Northern into British Columbia. The meeting was of a private nature.

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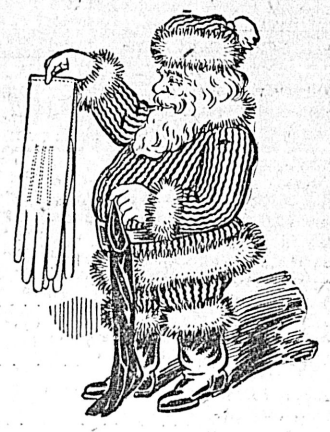
The glove counter is very busy these days, and it will get busier and busier as Christmas approaches, so if you have not yet paid your visit, do not delay.



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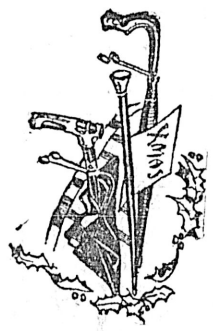

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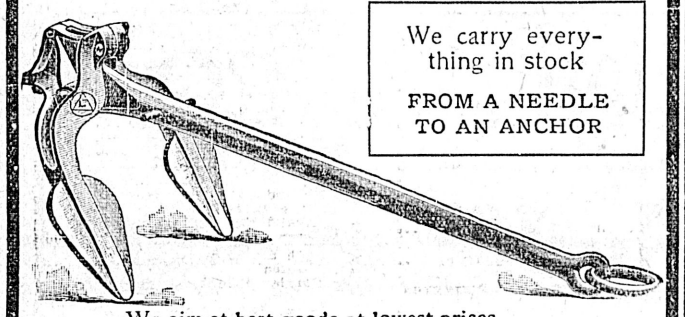

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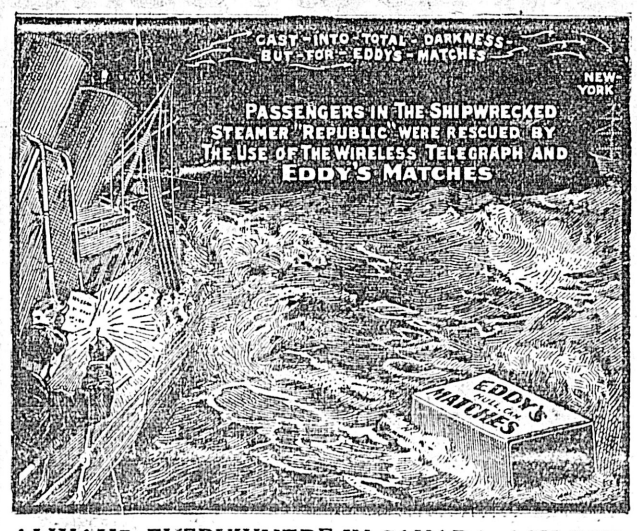

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NEWS OF THE CITY

School Board Meets.

A special meeting of the school board will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock for the purpose of passing accounts and generally winding up routine business for the year.

Considered in Executive

Departmental matters received consideration at the hands of the Provincial Executive during a two hours' sitting yesterday. The business dealt with contained no new matters of interest to the public or concerning which announcements can be made at the present time.

Become Victorians

Mrs. Thomas Taylor, wife of the Provincial Minister of Public Works, has recently arrived with her family from Revelstoke, Hon. Mr. Taylor having taken for the present the well-known Heisterman home on upper Douglas street. The minister and his flock are congratulating themselves upon having "got nicely settled" before the coming of Christmas.

New Engineers

Chief Inspector Peck, under whose supervision the Provincial law relating to steam boilers is operated, is in the city this week in connection with the recent examinations for certificates of competency as engineers. The results of these will, it is understood, be given out in a few days. Certain incidental matters were before the Government in Executive yesterday, and informally stood over.

Farmers' Institute Work

The rapid growth in interest and in importance of the Farmers' Institutes throughout British Columbia is evidenced by the statistics of the Provincial Department of Agriculture. These Institutes one year ago totalled but 32 in number. Today they are 65—with four applications for the estblishment of new institutes under consideration. The membership of the allied institutes shows even more rapid and significant growth.

Did Not Long for Loneliness

Among the Christmas visitors at the Capital is Archie McDonald, who on the memorable 25th November, redeemed Lillooet for the Conservative party. The majority has gained one in the official count, and is given in the formal returns as 51. Mark Eagleson, the defeated Liberal, takes his extinction most good-naturedly. He even goes so far as to say that he is glad to have escaped election. The loneliness would have been too great a strain on his nerves.

Redistribution Possibilities

William Manson, member-elect for Skeena, who has been in the city for several days in connection with public matters directly concerning his constituents, leaves for home by the Camosun this evening, expecting to arrive at his own fireside like a good Santa Claus on Christmas eve. In Mr. Manson's opinion, the time is close at hand when Skeena constituency must be considered in a redistribution arrangement under which Prince Rupert city shall be given individual representation, the remainder of the district being also divided into two, or perhaps three, constituencies.

Flock Seeks Shepherd

At the Metchosin public hall Monday evening a meeting was held of a large number of farmers and residents of the district who are desirous of securing a resident spiritual guide, no especial choice being indicated as to demomination. It is thought by the promoters of the movement that some volunteer may present himself who will, for the time being, be content to obtain a home on the principle of circuit visits with the interested residents until he himself has time to secure sufficient guarantees of financial support as to make other arrangements for a minister's maintenance possible.

No Room for Outsiders.

Excepting the children of parents who pay rates to the city no outside pupils now attending the city schools will be permitted to receive further education in the public educational institutions with the exception of children attending the High School. As a result of reports made by school principals the school board has been informed that there are a number of children from Oak Bay and Esquimalt and a few from Saanich now in attendance at the city schools. Owing to the crowded condition of the schools the practice hitherto in vogue of permitting such children to attend city schools will hereafter be discontinued.

By Precept and Example

An exceedingly interesting meeting of the farmers and fruit growers of Metchosin was held in the district public hall Monday evening when Institute work generally was explained and elaborated by Live Stock Commissioner Hodson, with whom as coworkers Mr. Drummond and Mr. Harris also went out from the city. The former devoted himself especially to the work and scope of the fruit exchange, citing cogent reasons why all fruit growers of the district should join in co-operative exchange work for their mutual benefit. Mr. Harris followed with an interesting and instructive demonstration of expert fruit packing, grading of specimens, straight and diagonal packing, wrapping, box marking, etc. Keen interest was manifested in each feature of the evening's proceedings.

Injured on Street.

Falling near the corner of Yates street and Broad street yesterday afternoon shortly before 1 o'clock and sustaining a bad scalp wound, James Condrom was hurried to the police station, where his injuries were attended to by Dr. Robertson. He was later taken to the Royal Jubilee hospital, where he will be confined for a few days. When picked up Condrom was almost unconscious and appeared in a serious condition. At first it was feared he had sustained a fracture of the skull but while seriously shaken and badly cut he will soon be about again. Condrom was formerly an engineer on the E. & N. but latterly has been employed in the north and had but recently returned to Victoria. He is suffering from an injured arm and when he stumbled was unable to protect himself.

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FOR CHRISTMAS

THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria B. C., at 8 p. m., December 21, 1909:

SYNOPSIS.

The pressure is lowest on the American coast but there are indications of a high area developing to the northward which may cause a continuance of the present bright cold weather in these districts. The main body of the western high area is still central over the Mississippi valley where a cold wave prevails. Rain has fallen at Port Simpson and light snow at Dawson and Winnipeg, but the weather throughout this western region is mostly fair and cold.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	27	38
Vancouver	23	35
New Westminster	22	34
Kamloops	16	28
Barkerville	4	10
Fort Simpson	32	34
Atlin	28	30
Dawson, Y. T.	6	12
Calgary, Alta.	8 below	10
Winnipeg, Man.	10	14
Portland, Ore.	28	38
San Francisco, Cal.	42	48

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific Time) Wednesday:

Victoria and Vicinity: Light to moderate winds, chiefly northerly, fair and cold.

Lower Mainland: Light to moderate winds, generally fair and cold.

TUESDAY.

Highest	38
Lowest	27
Mean	32

Sunshine, 5 hours, 24 minutes.

Stamp Sales Growing

The sale of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society's Christmas stamps has been marvellously stimulated by the nearer approach of Christmas, and all the stores handling this emblem of kindly Samaritanism at present report activity of interest and demand. In a list recently given of the leading business houses at which these stamps are on sale, omission was unintentionally made of the largest stores of all—David Spencer, Ltd. The results of the sales in the public schools prove eminently encouraging and satisfactory to all concerned, one teacher reporting sales in her own room alone approximating $16.

Delayed Until New Term.

It will not be until after the beginning of the new school term that parents of children attending the city schools will have an opportunity of expressing an opinion on the mooted change to be made in the noon hours of attendance at school. At present the afternoon session commences at 1 o'clock thus giving the pupils an hour for luncheon. It has been suggested that the afternoon session should start at 1.30 o'clock as in eastern cities and continue to 4 o'clock instead of 3.30 o'clock as at present. To get the opinion of the parents, ballots have been prepared which will be sent out by the various school principals. This work was underway when the last term closed but all the ballots had not been addressed so it was deemed advisable to wait until the new term opens when the children will be asked to take the ballots home and return them. If it were left to the parents to mail back the ballots many of them, it is believed, would fail to do so.

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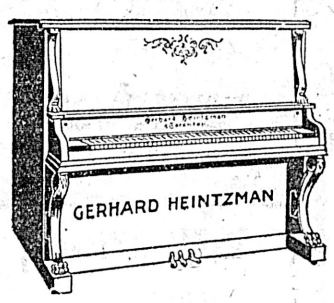

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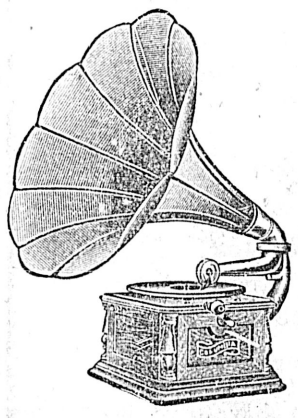

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ACQUIRES LAST OF PROPERTY

Government Acquires Entire Block With Exception of Drill Hall

Amicable arrangements were yesterday reached by Hon. Price Ellison, provincial minister of public lands, with the several owners of the few remaining pieces of property fronting on Superior street and required to complete the public ownership of British Columbia's Parliament Square. In every case the policy adopted by the new lands minister of offering a fair value for the lots desired (and in each offer a very keen and close knowledge of realty values and conditions locally was displayed) appears to have been met fairly and reasonably, as a result of which it has been in no case necessary for the government to proceed either to expropriation or to arbitration of price.

Cheques in final settlement with the last property owners to be "bought out" are to be mailed today as seasonable Christmas presents; and the government is again in undivided possession of the entire square bounded by Belleville, Government, Superior and Menzies streets, and may next proceed to the consideration of designs and plans for the additional buildings to be erected. These must of course be in complete harmony and accord with the much admired free renaissance style of the main buildings.

To Retain Architect.

It is to be expected that, preliminarily, Mr. F. M. Rattenbury, who was the author and architect of the now famous provincial buildings of British Columbia, will be requested to offer his suggestions as to how the desired additional space demanded by present necessities and future prospects may be obtained with improvement rather than diminution of the general architectural beauty of the square. It is quite possible that a new block or group of buildings united with the main edifice by stately colonnades may be the ultimate solution, the museum and the printing house being thus removed, and the present quarters of each being devoted to other purposes more nearly related to the strictly departmental machinery.

But there are, as Mr. Rattenbury remarks, a hundred ways of meeting requirements without the sacrifice of architectural charm.

The Purchases.

The last properties required to complete Parliament Square, and which were purchased by Hon. Mr. Ellison yesterday, prior to his departure for Christmas at his home in the Okanagan, were five in number, with frontages on Superior street of from 40 to 80 feet, and in each case built upon residentially. The variation in frontage explains in large measure the differentiating prices, which were as set forth hereunder:

Frank Leroy	$5,500
R. L. Drury	6,750
G. A. Richardson	7,500
Mrs. Fraser	5,000

The other properties required had already been obtained, either by an amicable adjustment of transfer price, or, as in the case of the property of the Plimley Automobile Co., Ltd., by arbitration. This latter property, with a long frontage on Government street, and 60 feet on Superior, a corner location of exceptional value, proved naturally the most costly of the required properties, the Government paying $33,535, with an additional $4,000 in the event of the ejected company erecting a new brick garage within the fire limits of Victoria prior to the 31st of March, 1910. As arrangements are already well advanced for the erection of such a garage on Yates street, it is apparent that the additional four thousand will be claimed. Other prices obtained included $10,000 by Hon. Justice Gregory; $9,000 by Mrs. Dorman; and $4,800 by Inspector Baxter.

The Drill Hall

Negotiations with the Dominion government looking to the establishment of the Drill Hall elsewhere will now be initiated, and it is highly probable that several years will be required to bring these to a satisfactory conclusion and see the re-erection of a suitable home for the local militia forces elsewhere in central Victoria. The Drill Hall site, it is interesting to note, is not vested in the government of Canada, but is still Provincial property. It was, by an order-in-council passed in 1902, "reserved and set apart for Drill Hall and no other purposes," to cite the formal phraseology of the order, but contains no specific provision for the possible resumption of possession by the province.

Incidental to the present arrangements for the completion of the block of buildings, considerable comment has been heard of late as to the contrasted pessimist and optimism of a few years ago, when storms of protest arose over the policy devised by the then premier, Hon Theodore Davie, for providing the Parliament and Government of this province with a suitable home. Such buildings as he proposed and ultimately built "a century ahead of British Columbia's needs and liable to bankrupt this young and struggling province;" one parliamentary leader boldly declared; while the First Minister of the day was classed "an optimistic visionary" when he was moved to prophesy that within two decades the province would be found to have outgrown the provisions made for it, according to his plans.

Further Requirements.

The realization of Theodore Davie's prophecies is pointed to today by others equally confident of British Columbia's destiny, who urge that no time should be lost by the province in securing not only the complete block in which the present buildings stand (which has now been accomplished) but also the adjoining blocks either on Belleville, Menzies or Government street, in view of the certain necessity of such additional space being required before the passing of more than a very few years. The experience of Ottawa in procuring room demanded by the growth of federal departments is pointed to as illuminative and to the point; while it is further argued that if two or three additional and contiguous blocks were now expropriated and acquired by the government, a present utilization of the property would not by any means be necessitated. The standing buildings might indeed be retained, and in rentals the area might with confidence be counted upon to return six per cent and upwards to provincial revenue until such time as the inevitable demands for additional room made utilization desirable.

This aspect of the situation and the suggestions spoken have not as yet received consideration by the government. They are not likely, however, to be overlooked by the Provincial leader who has so clearly evidenced in both policy and practice his constant faith in British Columbia's splendid destiny.

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TENDERS RESIGNATION

Provincial Assessor J. K. Worsfold Retiring Through Ill Health.

In consequence of continued illness, Mr. J. K. Worsfold has tendered his resignation of the office of provincial assessor, which he has filled with every satisfaction to the government during some time past, succeeding T. B. Hall upon the latter's removal to Montreal. During the past few months Mr. Worsfold's health has been failing steadily, and he feels it impossible to give the time and strength required to the discharge of his official duties. The resignation was briefly considered by the executive yesterday, and its disposal deferred. It is exceedingly probable that Mr. Worsfold will be permitted to retire from the service upon pension.

Service's Books: Songs of a Sourdough, and Ballads of a Cheechako, at Victoria Book and Stationery Co., Ltd.

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In Woman's Realm

Here and There

Canada is greatly concerned in the result of an investigation which is now going on in England. We have been told very often of late that if the children of the crowded cities of the mother land could be transplanted to the free air of Canada, if they received plentiful food and surrounded with good influences they would become good citizens. There are many good people who have faith to believe that even the men and women who have spent their lives in hopeless poverty and have yielded to the temptations that surround them, would in a new land find hope and faith and strength to conquer evil habits and become useful members of society.

That they have reason for this belief, the success of Salvation Army colonies, both in Great Britain and the overseas Dominions would seem to prove. And yet there are many who stand by the old proverb that "blood will tell" or the homlier one that "what's bred in the bone will come out in the flesh." With kindly old Doctor Holmes they believe that education begins many generations back.

There are, however, very few who have been at all observant of children who have not noticed many things very hard to explain either on the theory that environment has the greater influence over the future lives of men and women or that birth gives a bent to their character that no training can change.

How is it that children born in one family often differ so widely in almost every respect? Who has not seen children of sweet, refined natures come from homes where if one were to judge from the outward conduct of one parent or both the contrary was to have been expected? On the other hand, the sons and daughters of the best and apparently the wisest of parents have gone astray. All this proves, perhaps, only how very short sighted we all are and how little our judgments are worth. The child is now as it has always been, a mystery.

But there are students who have determined that it is one that may be solved. A congress of students of child life is to meet in England next May. In preparation for this meeting two professors of University College, London, Karl Pearson, F. R. S., and David Heron, M. A., have undertaken to gather evidence bearing on the question as to the relative parts played in human development by heredity and environment. They are not, as might have been anticipated, studying conditions in the foundling hospitals of great cities. Neither have they asked questions of the rich and great in the land. It is among those who form the great majority (in spite of all that we have, of late, been led to believe to the contrary) of the British nation, the people who live in a moderate degree of comfort, that evidence is being sought.

Three printed forms are being sent out to fathers and mothers and teachers as it is those whose knowledge of the children is most intimate. On each of these forms there are a great many questions. If these are truly answered the history and character of each child will be given and much will be learned concerning the parents. On the data thus obtained the investigators hope to be able to found a working theory which will lead to the advancement of the race.

It may seem to many that evidence gathered in this way will not be as reliable as it should be in the interests of science. Apart altogether from the natural reluctance of men and women to answer questions concerning their private lives, every one knows that the evidence of a mother concerning her own child is, to say the least, open to question. No love is so blind as that of the majority of good mothers.

However, it is to be presumed that these learned men are not working in the dark and that they are accustomed to weigh evidence. It is to be hoped that their report will help towards the removal of the want and misery in England which all true patiots deplore.

The whole of Canada is combining to fight tuberculosis. Not only has each province its own organizations but there is a Canadian association which operates through the whole country. A few days ago the Dominion government passed a resolution in favor of a more liberal grant to this association. This is a measure that will receive the very hearty support of people of all parties.

In this field there cannot be too many workers. Especially should the federal government keep a very vigilant outlook that the number of consumptive patients is not added to by immigration. This is a very difficult and a very costly task. But hard as it is, it must be performed. It is no kindness to bring into the country sufferers from this disease. Once here, their deportation can scarcely be accomplished without inhumanity. But it should be possible to prevent their embarking for this country. In this and in many other ways the Canadian association can help the provincial health authorities and it is good policy to place a liberal sum at its disposal.

In connection with this subject, is it not time that steps were taken to provide for hopeless cases of tuberculosis in our own city. This matter ought not to be left to chance or to charity. Any day it might happen that a lonely man or woman, whose case was hopeless could not get admission into the hospital. The wonder is that before this no such case has occurred. There ought to be provision made for the treatment and care of incurable cases in every centre of population. Is it certain that there are not today patients in the city itself or in the neighborhood who would take advantage of a hospital for incurable if there were one near? It is not necessary to build another large sanitarium. But it is indispensable that accommodation should be provided for each case as it rises. Nor ought we to wait till the community is shocked by some story of needless suffering before suitable provision is made.

In the debate on the resolution to increase the grant to the association, the minister of agriculture gave unexpected evidence as to the benefits of fresh air in cases of tuberculosis. A herd of cattle belonging to the department of agriculture became infected. The animals were isolated, kept out of doors for four years, other healthy cattle were added to the herd, and all the calves were reared. The calves grew up healthy and the infection did not spread to the added cattle, though when shut up in the barn one cow had infected the herd in the first instance.

Almost every week there are accounts of the annoyance caused by the immigration regulations between the United States and Canada. During the summer we had experience here of travellers being turned back for the most trifling reasons. All along the border similar instances occur. It might be thought that the wisdom of statesmen was equal to the task of preventing delay, distress and expense to people of whose good character there was unquestioned evidence.

The Toronto Star has been searching the records to find what nations have held sacred the season in which we celebrate Christmas. It says:

"Scandinavia held at Yuletide the festal of Jul, in honor of Freya, son of Odin, and today the Christian world still links the name of Yule with its Christmas festival. This, however, is not the only instance of heathen influence upon Christian nomenclature. Notably there is the name of Easter, that of the Saxon goddess of spring, now associated with the crowning festival of the Christian year.

"But Christianity has no monopoly of Christmastide. The day that is celebrated as the anniversary of the birth of Jesus is held sacred in China as the anniversary of the birth of Buddha. Numerous peoples of India keep Yuletide as a religious festival. Mexico in the winter solstice hold the festival of Capacrame. Persia, as the same period, honors the birth of Mithras. Greece, at this season, used to honor the birth of Bacchus, Ceres and Hercules. Egypt held it sacred to the birth of the son of Isis. The Druids celebrated the festival of Nolagh.

"The end of December has been a season of joy and of worship among countless peoples for ages past. It is one of those seasons of which the world-wide significance seems to increase with each successive celebration."

Express Thanks

The auxiliary branch of the Anti-Tuberculosis society wish to extend a vote of thanks to the following firms and individuals, who by their kindness and generosity helped to make the Cafe Chantant such a success: The B. C. Electric Co., Messrs. Terry, Dixi-Ross, C. W. Rogers, P. McQuade, David Spencer, Hinton, Tim Kee, Heywood & Hawkins, Thorburn Grocery Co., Speed Bros., E. G. Prior, Copas & Young, Colbert, Sheret, and Braydon. Also, Mr. H. Barry Phipps, Mr. Edward North, the Driard Hotel, and management of the Grand theatre.

W. C. T. U. Missions

The usual monthly meeting of the mission board of the W. C. T. U. was held at the home of the president, Mrs. Wellwood, on Monday afternoon. Favorable reports were received as to the work being carried on at the mission. The usual dinner on Christmas Day to the men and all gifts will be thankfully received at the mission hall on Langley street on or before that day. The next meeting of the board will be held on January 7 at the home of Mrs. Norman, 628 Hillside avenue, at 3 o'clock.

QUEEN'S ACADEMY

Every inch of space at Queen's Academy was filled yesterday by the pupils and parents and friends assembled for the closing exercies, if so formidable a term should be applied to the delightful but simple songs and dialogues and recitations given by the children. The room was prettily decorated with evergreens and crimson bells. Miss Lugrin's little ones rendered the following programme:

Song "Good King Arthur" Junior Class; recitation, "My Piece,. Grace Elliot; Dialogue, "Mother Goose," Kathleen Veith, Greta McDougall, Marjorie Adams, Laura King; recitation, "Santa Claus," Ruth Elliot; recitation, "Mr. Dolly's Bath," Cecil Forrester; recitation, "Jenny Wren," Ruth Dier; song, "Jack Frost," Roberta Balcom, Laura King, Amy Dancey, Cecil Forrester, Adele Johnson, Thelma Owen; recitation, "Jackie Leigh," Robert Balcom; song, "Xmas Song," Class.

Miss Lugrin is leaving the school and Dr. Pope expressed his regret and that of the parents at losing so excellent a teacher. The little ones presented her with a silver bon bon dish as a token of their love. The girls of the intermediate class then gave a very beautiful little play called "Santa Caus and the Night Before Christmas."

Ellen Hart recited "'Twas the Night before Christmas" and then had a dream in which little girls in night dresses, rocking chimneys and Santa Claus (Charlotte Betterton) all appeared not only to her but to the audience and she was awakened by a Christmas Carol very sweet and pretty.

Then the senior class set every one laughing with the farce "Mrs. Willis Will," of which the following is the cast:

Mrs. Robinson .....Florence Munsie
Jenny, (an orphan) .....
....Marguerite Varrinder
Rachel, (housekeeper).. Edith Galley
Lady Spindle.....Evelyn Leavell
Mrs. Dwindle ..... Marie Blair

The children did not go away without presenting their teachers with Christmas boxes. Dr. Pope received a purse, and Mrs. Pope several gifts. Mrs. C. E. Cooper who teaches scripture to the school was given a brass jardiniere and Miss Pope a pearl brooch. What perhaps the teachers valued even more than the presents were the many expressions of appreciation which were heard on all sides from the parents present.

The following are the rolls of honor showing the best pupils in the various classes.

Roll of Honor, Senior Division
(Dec. 21, 1909)

Head of school—Evelyn Leavell.

General proficiency: Fifth class—(1) Evelyn Leavell, (2) Marguerite Verrinder, (3) Ruth Wood: Senior fourth class—(1) Helen Leavell, (2) Kathleen Mussen, (3) Regina Verrinder, (4) Edith Galley.

Bookkeeping—Marguerite Verrinder. May Wood.

Algebra—(1) Marguerite Verrinder, (2) May Wood.

Geometry — (1) May Wood, (2) Kathleen Mussen.

Botany—(1) Evelyn Leavell, (2) May Wood, Margaret Verrinder, Regina Verrinder.

Latin—Margaret Verrinder, May Wood.

French—Kathleen Mussen, Evelyn Leavell.

Deportment—Minnie Moody, Edith Galley.

Regularity—Edith Galley, Marguerite Verrinder, Regina Verrinder.

Politeness—Eileen Miller.

Roll of Honor, Intermediate Div.
(Dec. 21, 1909)

General proficiency: Fourth reader—(1) Eleanor Monteith, (2) Ida Owen, (3) Margaret McBride; Third reader—(1) Kathleen Galley, (2) Charlotte Betterton, (3 Ellen Hart, (4) Virtue Errington; Second reader—(1) Elizabeth Gray; First reader—Class A—(1) Eva Griffith; Class B—(2) Elva Rogerson.

Promotions

Fourth to senior division—Eleanor Monteith, Ida Owen, Margaret McBride, Dorothy Moore, Isabella Elliott.

Third to fourth reader—Kathleen Galley, Charlotte Betterton, Ellen Hart, Virtue Errington, Nora Lewis, Florence Miles.

Second to third reader—Elizabeth Gray, Gwendoline Verrinder, Edna Saunders.

First to second reader—Eva Griffith, Hazel Fowler.

Second primer to first reader—Elva Rogerson, Madge Randall, Doris Lambert.

Roll of Honor, Junior Division
(Christmas)

Proficiency—(1) Greta McDougall, (2) Cecily Forrester, (3) Kathleen Veitch.

First reader: Reading—Kathleen Veith; Writing—Greta McDougall; Spelling—Thelma Owen; Arithmetic—Dolly McBride, Cecily Forrester.

First primer, Class A: Reading—Amy Dancey; Writing—Adele Johnson; Spelling—Adele Johnson; Arithmetic—Maidie Adams, Amy Dancey. Class B—(1) Doris Reed, (2) Mona Miles. Class C—(1) Laura King, (2) Jocelyn Innes; Deportment—Grace Elliott, Laura King; Regularity—Mona Miles, Thelma Owen, Adele Johnson; Neatness—Roberta Balcom, Eileen Innes; Rapid improvement—Ruth Elliott, Doris Reid; Politeness—Ruth Dier.

ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL

The low winter sun was shining brightly and the frost still sparkled on the grass and on the pavements yesterday morning when the pupils of St. George's school and their parents and friends came to the schoolroom for the closing exercises. The large building, that a few years ago stood alone in the field, was so surrounded with houses that it was a little hard to find. Among the guests was a bonnie baby girl who rode gaily along the street upon the shoulder of father or uncle by whose side marched the big brother, who was one of the kindergarten pupils. Her little ladyship with her white mittens and pink ribbons, had plenty of company in the room where a great big Christmas tree had taken the place of the forms, for babies were plentiful in the audience.

It was a pretty sight, whether for young or old to see the two score and more of little people who made a circle round the brightly lighted tree, decked with wreaths and crimson packages made by the pupils themselves. Behind in the gallery sat the older scholars dressed in white and red with faces as happy and bright as if puzzling studies were unknown.

For a pleasant half hour Miss Penwell's little ones told in songs the story of Christmas, and then Santa Claus appeared, giving each a present. At the same time the bags of sweets which the children had made and filled, were distributed to the little brothers and sisters.

The Bishop of Columbia then talked to the little ones of "Children's Garden," and the need of keeping it beautiful and free from weeds. The class, which had behaved beautifully, was then dismissed. The older girls sang the quaint and beautiful old carrol, "Here We Come a Wassailing," and Mrs. Suttie read the report of the term's work. This showed that since midsummer the number of pupils had increased to 66, and that good work had been done.

Theresa Mesher distinguished herself by taking 100 per cent in Euclid and 98 per cent in Algebra and ten other girls had taken honors. In the Fifth Form, Erminie Bass stood first on the term's work and Theresa Mesher headed the list at the closing examinations. In the Fourth Form, Gertrude Scott stood first, and in the Third Form, Elizabeth Scott held first place. In the Upper Second Form, Kathleen Powell was first, and in the Lower Second, Gwennie Hughes came first in the term's work and Laura Macklin in the final camination, while in the First Form, Kathleen Pauline led.

Mrs. Suttie expressed her own pleasure and that of the parents at the progress in music, of which Miss Bell is teacher. The Curwen pianoforte method is used and certificates had been gained as follows: 1st step, Helene Simpson, 93, honors; 2nd step, Bertha Hartman, 94, honors; Winnifred W. Lee, 86; 4th step, Doris Macklin, 75; Gwenolyn Humphrey, 80; Beatric, Lees, 88.

His lordship, in presenting the certificates, expressed his pleasure at the excellence of the work done and offered a prize to be given at the close of next term for the pupil who showed the best knowledge of Scripture.

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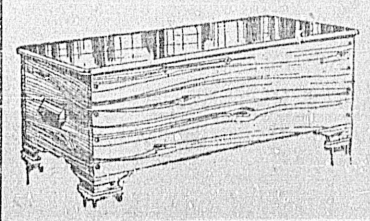

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LEAGUE PRESIDENT ON AMATEUR UNION

Explanation Why Ladysmith Wasn't Represented at B. C. A. A. U. Meeting

To Sporting Editor:

I perused your report of a meeting of the B. C. A. A. U. held in Victoria about a week ago, and was somewhat surprised at what transpired at said meeting. I intended discussing the matter in your paper at the time, but thought it best to wait until after December 18, when the first games in the Island League were scheduled to be played, as I felt that if the Victoria teams voluntarily kept the fixtures it would disprove the statement made at the meeting: that Victoria and Vancouver were strictly in line, only Ladysmith and Nanaimo being outlaws.

The result sustains my contention, viz.: that Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo and Ladysmith are almost unanimously opposed to the arbitrary and ill-advised action taken by the four gentlemen present at said meeting, leaving them in an undesirable and very isolated position.

Now, Mr. Editor, I think it very unwise to make such statements, without those making same being in possession of strong evidence to substantiate the same. As at our meeting in Victoria three weeks ago, we had it from a most reliable soccer man in Vancouver, that they were almost a unit in opposing the stand taken by the B. C. A. A. U. In Mr. Sullivan's letter to us he inferred that the Nanaimo team were all registered with the Nanaimo branch. Such is not the case. Again the representative of the Nanaimo branch on the executive was not notified of the meeting. The reason why Ladysmith was not represented, was because her delegates were in Victoria a week previous, and lost three days on account of washouts. Anyhow it would have been incurring needless expense, as the amateur organization is provincial, so it is right and proper that the B. C. F. A. should deal with the matter. All these officials are on the island and can be easily reached. As a matter of fact, Mr. Editor, it does not lie in the power of a few, who are lukewarm, to say the least, where soccer is concerned, to make rules to govern and to hamper a sport, that is at the present time the foremost pastime in the province.

The B. C. F. A. has governed football in B. C. for a number of years, and it would have been much better if they had been approached in the matter and given an opportunity to act.

I feel that the letter in Sunday's issue fully and fairly presents the issue, and I feel with the writer that the person or persons, who would stop the teams, who are trying to land the championship for Victoria, have not the sympathy of the people of Victoria with them.

In conclusion, I would say while wishing to be fair in every way, to those representing the B. C. A. A. U., the more I look into the situation, the more it is borne upon me, that these gentlemen are not enthusiasts, but are partial to other branches of sport, such as rowing, running, etc., and would, if necessary sacrifice the good old game, to further such other sports.

But, Mr. Editor, this land is going to be peopled with millions in the years to come, and where will they come from but the old land, and that means that soccer will and must be pre-eminent for many years to come.

If this matter is taken up with the proper body in a rational manner, no doubt it could be amicably adjusted, but in my opinion it would be absolutely necessary for the B. C. F. A. to be represented on the B. C. A. A. U. to protect those playing soccer.

HUGH THORNLEY,
President V. I. F. A.

To lengthen the playing season from 154 games to 168 games was the most important business transacted at the meeting of the National baseball league apart from the election of Lynch as president. The season will open April 14th and close October 16th.

The marriage of Hugh McElroy, this year's champion of the Spokane Rod and Gun club, to Mrs. Meta Stewart, at Spokane, will be interesting news to those local devotees of the clay pigeon sport, who have met defeat at the hands or perhaps—perhaps—triumphed over him in some competition in years past.

(Additional Sport on pp. 17 and 20)

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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Mrs. H. S. MacLean, Denman street, will not receive today.

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Mr. A. W. Sayn Le Sueur of Victoria is spending a few days in Vancouver.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Roberts are spending a few days in Vancouver with friends.

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Captain Alfred Haeter from Colchester, England is the guest of relatives in town for Christmas.

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The Misses Dubric of Winnipeg are visitors in town and are staying at the Empress.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. Ballantyne from Calgary are spending some little time in Victoria.

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Mr. Mrs. and the Misses Stewart from Winnipeg arrived in town yesterday and will be the guest of relatives at Duncans for Christmas.

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Dr. Tweedale from Nottingham, England passed through Victoria yesterday en route to New York.

The many friends of Mrs. Chas. Gardiner will be pleased to know that she is making a quick recovery after a serious illness.

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Smith Curtis, former member for Rossland in the local House, called upon Premier McBride yesterday to proffer his congratulations.

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H. C. Rayson, government agent at Alberni, is visiting the Capital.

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A. H. B. Macgowan, M. P. P. of Vancouver, returned to that city yesterday.

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Mrs. Hugh Springer returned to the Terminal City esterday.

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J. W. Hutchinson left last night via the C. P. R. for St. John, whence he will sail on the Corsican for the Old Country.

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Captain Freeman, port captain of the Dunsmuir Steamship company, went over to Seattle last evening on the Princess Victoria.

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Mrs. G. W. Haynes of this city will leave this evening on the Vancouver boat to visit her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Kettele, for the Christmas holidays.

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G. A. McNicholl, purchasing agent of the G. T. P., and C. H. Nicholson, superintendent of the G. T. P. Pacific Steamship line, went over to Seattle last night on the Princess Victoria.

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A. T. Goward, local manager of the B. C. Electric company, and G. M. Tripp, mechanical superintendent, went over to Vancouver last night on the Princess Charlotte on a short trip.

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F. H. Glendenning, of the C. P. R. freight department at Vancouver, and C. H. Foster, assistant general passenger agent of the company, who spent yesterday in the city on a business trip, returned home last night on the Princess Charlotte.

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Dr. and Mrs. Whillans have arrived from Cariboo. Dr. Whillans leaves shortly for Prince Rupert, while Mrs. Whillans will spend the winter here.

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Among the many Vancouver visitors in town at present are: Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Harper, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Webster, Messrs. W. E. Flumerfelt, P. H. Buby, H. H. Malcolm, Charles E. Hope, S. Gintzburger, A. J. Michle, E. B. Momley, R. G. Ward, Dr. H. P. Moody, Mr. and Mrs. Gregson and Miss B. Holmes.

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A delightful dance was given on Monday evening by the "Men of the Hour" in Broad street hall which was charmingly decorated for the occassion with quantities of holly, ivy and Christmas decorations. Miss Thain's orchestra played an enjoyable selection of dance music and the floor was in excellent condition for dancing. Among the many guests the following were noticed: The Misses Mason, Monteith, Blackwood, Pitts, Lawson, Lugrin, McDowall; Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Slater, Mrs. Basil Combe, Mrs. Keith, Mrs. Arthur Gole, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Beauchamp Tye, Mrs. Bodwell, Mrs. Genge, Mrs. Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Elliot, Miss Langley, Miss Langley, Miss Nora Combe, Miss Gladys Perry, Miss Little, Miss Adela King, Miss Spencer, Miss Brain, Miss Holden, Miss Helmcken, Miss Williams, Miss Johnstone, Miss Heyland, Miss Savage, Miss Arbuthnot, Miss Day, Miss Bryden, Miss Cross, Miss Hannington, Miss Paula Irving, and the Messrs. Laudry, Templeton, I. Arbuckle, J. Mason, R. Monteith, Brotherton, Payne, Hopgood, Montgomery, Gordon, Futcher, Williams Irving, Pitts, Coburn, Spalding, Wilmot, Johnston, Bromley, Mara, Cartwright, Julien, Colley, Captain McDonald, Jephson, Lowrie, Young, Barnes, Captain Parry, Thomas, Rowcroft, Augus, Cambie, Holmes, Holden, Raymur Bullen.

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A very quiet but pretty wedding took place at St. Paul's church, Esquimalt by the Rev. W. Baugh Allen on Monday afternoon when Mr. William J. Cave was united in marriage to Miss Annie Robertson both of Victoria West. Miss Enid Cave, niece of the bridegroom was bridesmaid and Mr. Alfred E. Cave, brother of the bridegroom ably undertook the duties of best man. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cave later left for a honeymoon trip up the E. & N., and Vancouver. Upon their return they will take up their residence on Douglas street, Victoria West.

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THEIR HOPE TURNS TO ASHES

Had it Prospered it Meant an Experimental Farm For Kootenays

It may seem in a measure cruel to shatter the pleasant anticipations of an optimistic community, but—

In the Nelson Daily News of the 17th December is found a well displayed special despatch from the Creston correspondent of that paper in which it is stated to be "unofficially announced" that the provincial government will "at an early date establish a fruit experimental farm somewhere in the Kootenay district."

"From the very latest advices to hand," the Creston report continues, "it is known that prominent government officials have been making some inquiries regarding tracts of orchard land at Creston and for the last few days credence has been given to this report by the announcement that the government was at the present time considering the advisability of throwing open for settlement the block of 3,000 acres of orchard land now held by the Davies-Sayward Land Company of Victoria under a timber lease. It is claimed that there is practically no marketable timber on this land, which is ideal for fruit growing. This block of fruit land at present encumbered with this timber lease is located in the very centre of the Creston district, which comprises 100,000 acres of fruit lands. As the owners of this timber lease have no real object in retaining it any longer there will be a movement on foot here at once to try and induce the government to reclaim this valuable tract of fruit land which is at present being held by this Victoria company. This block of 3,000 acres is situated just two miles east of Creston, and is an ideal location for a government experimental farm.

"It is already an open secret that the government has had its eye, figuratively speaking, on Creston for some time as the most central location for the proposed experimental farm, so that it is now merely more a matter of exact location than anything else. While there are several locations around Creston that present many inducements for the location of this valuable asset to any disfrict, still the government itself owns the Davies-Sayward timber lease land and this location, while ideal in all respects, could be converted into the experimental farm at a very small cost to the government. It is the firm belief of those on the inside that when the case has been properly presented to the government the experimntal farm will be located on the land owned by the government and now held by the Victoria company."

All of these observations are no doubt both applicable and valuable in their way, but—

So far as Premier McBride is aware, the government has neither thought nor intention of establishing an experimental farm, for fruit or other products, in the Kootenay district.

Such a farm has not been proposed to the knowledge of the premier—and he would probably have heard.

The fact is that Mr. Middleton, one of the officers of the department of agriculture, has been incidentally engaged during some weeks past, in making an approximate survey of fruit lands of the Kootenay, both those in orchard and those available for such development, the results being intended for use in statistics now in preparation, and for the benefit of applicants for fruit lands in the Kootenay.

As to the provincial experimental farm, the projectors might in kindness have made some mention of it to the premier or the minister of agriculture.

CHARGED WITH THEFT

Youths Appear, in Police Court to Answer Serious Accusation.

Harvey Bentley, aged 18, and Thomas Francis Davis, a boy under age, were charged with the theft of several of P. Burns & Co's. Christmas turkeys and ducks in the police court before Magistrate Jay yesterday forenoon. Bentley was remanded until today and will be prosecuted under the code. The younger lad was remanded until today also to allow his parents to be present in court when he is placed on trial.

When one of the Burns company went to the police court bright and early yesterday morning to complain of the theft of several fowl he was taken aback to discover the missing birds arrayed as exhibits there before him. The two boys charged with the theft were in the cells whence they had been taken by Constable Fry, who caught one of thme running for a car in the vicinity of the Burns warehouse at 902 Government street with his arms full of fowl.

It is understood that several other serious charges will be brought against the two boys now in custody.

UGH! THINK OF IT

He Went Swimming Off Beacon Hill Park Yesterday.

Ugh! Think of it!

He went in bathing yesterday morning at Horse Shoe Bay and said he liked it.

Who the Nature Fakir happened to be is no part of this story, but anyway this gentleman at eleven o'clock yesterday morning threw himself at that portion of the ocean that washes the shores of this island.

Coyly disposed upon the bank were three other gentlemen, friends of his, barefooted. Occasionally one would rush forward and paddle gently in the wavelets and then run back. They said it was great but none of them had their swimming togs with them. But the hero—ugh!

He swam, really swam, out into the water and back.

Hand in hand his friends escorted him to the brink until the waters washed their feet and then they kindly but firmly drew back and gave him lots of room. It was not their day for swimming.

Whether it was performed as a tribute to Victoria's climate or not is not known. Whether the gentleman sought to qualify for admission to an institution in New Westminster was not made manifest. But if there is a vacancy——

And, with that wind blowing. Ugh!

Meeting Postponed.

On account of the Christmas holidays the regular meeting of the Progressive League will not be held this evening. The next meeting will be on January 12, 1910.

Realty Market.

Among realty deals put through the market yesterday were a lot on Douglas street near Bay street for $3,500; a corner lot on Douglas and Bay for $4,500; lots owned by F. Leroy, R. L. Drury, D. A. Richards and Mrs. Fraser, sold to the provincial government for the sum of $5,500, $6,750, $7,500, and $5,000, respectively. The purchase of the foregoing lots comprise part of the scheme whereby the provincial government will acquire the entire property in parliament square.

B. C.'S SHORT SALMON PACK

Total Output of All Sorts Will Not Reach the Million Mark This Season.

The total pack of all kinds of salmon in British Columbia fell below the million mark this season for the first time in many years during the period of a big run of fish. Yesterday W. D. Burdis, secretary of the British Columbia Salmon Canners' association completed the compilation of returns for the season of 1909, and the total of all kinds of salmon packed is shown to be 967,920. In 1905, the year of the last previous big run, the total pack amounted to 1,167,461 cases; in 1901, another big year, the pack totalled 1,236,156 cases, while in 1897, also a big year, it was 1,015,477 cases. The pack of sockeyes totalled 840,411 cases in the various districts as follows: Fraser river, 542,248 cases; Skeena ricer, 87,901; Rivers Inlet, 89,027; Naas river, 28,246; outlying districts 93,319. The total pack of the various districts, which includes sockeyes, red and white springs, chums and pinks and cohoes, was as follows: Fraser river 567,203; Skeena river, 104,739; Rivers Inlet, 91,014; Naas river, 40,990; outlying districts, 127,974. Canners declare that for the partial failure of the run on the Fraser river, and the restrictions of the area in which fishing was permitted on the Skeena river, the season's pack would have been as large as that of 1905, the last big year. In 1908 the total salmon pack in British Columbia was 546,689 cases.

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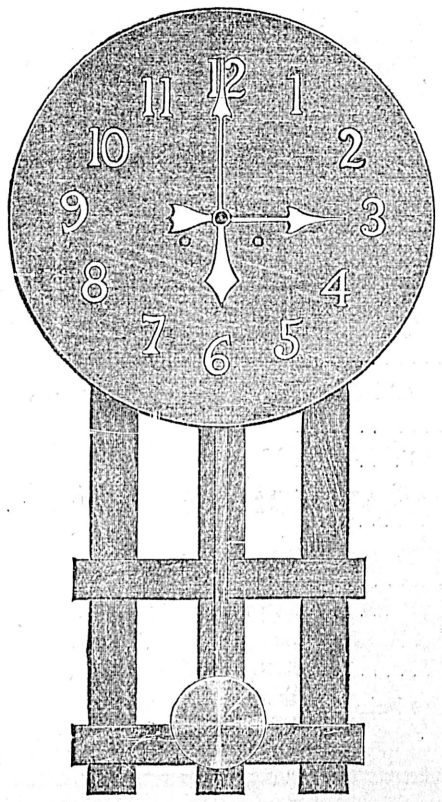

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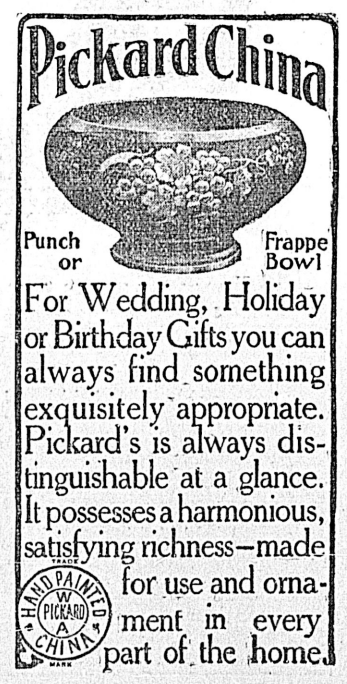

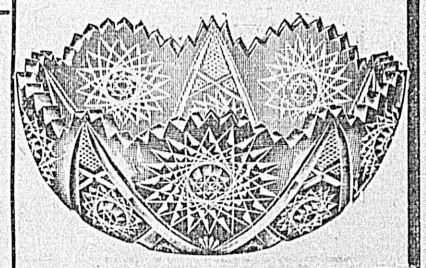

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Conditions of Labor.

There is no industry which has made greater strides during the last forty years than mining. This is true whether the test be applied to production, to the conditions under which the miner pursues his avocation, or to the wages he receives. As to the former it is not necessary to recapitulate the published statistics of the leading mining countries which are familiar to most of the readers of this department. Suffice it to say that within twenty years the mineral production of the world has more than doubled. Of course in this estimate the precious metals are not included.

It is only a few years since the United States passed Great Britain for the first time in the tonnage of coal produced, in spite of the fact that the latter is only a tight little island, mining the whole of its coal from an area which aggregates less than one hundred miles square.

The production of coal in England is one of the marvels of the age. It began in a commercial sense more than five hundred years ago, with a nominal tonnage, and has increased ever since until it is in the neighborhood of 300,000,000 tons a year. One would think that an industry of this dimension, and of the character of coal mining, with its innumerable dumps and chimney stacks, would destroy all the natural beauty of a country far larger than Great Britain, to say nothing of the extent to which it might be expected to lower the surface, and break up natural contour lines. Yet, travelers are surprised to find that coal mining districts are so few and so far apart, and that the industry has so little effect upon the general appearance of the country.

The truth is that in the case of coal mines nearly all the debris and waste is stored underground in the excavations created by the mining of coal. In the case of ironstone mines the deposit of huge dumps of pit dirt upon the surface is inevitable but, ironstone mining in Great Britain is now only a trifle compared with what it was forty years ago, and the tonnage inconsiderable. The Clay-band mines of Staffordshire and Shropshire can no longer be worked profitably, and have been superseded by the open quarrying and digging by means of which the surface ores of Northamptonshire, Derbyshire, and Cumberland are recovered. As a consequence the vast increase in the output of British mines has hardly tendly tended to increase the visible evidences of the spread of the industry.

A Marvelous Tonnage.

But the most marvelous aspect of coal mining in Great Britain is the maintenance of so gigantic an output from so limited an area, and this is only effected by going deeper, and ever deeper. What the limit will be it is impossible to foretel. What with improved methods of deep mining and the enterprise which sends English engineers into new districts, the areas are continuually expanding, and there is more coal in sight today than ever before.

Recent explorations have determined the existence of workable coal near Dover, and expert opinion agrees that this discovery solves the problem of the continuance of coal under the German ocean to the mines of Belgium. The seams are thin compared with the average of English workings, and are corelated with the Somersetshire coal fields, but they are thick enough to work, and have a distinct commercial value which will continually increase as coal becomes scarcer.

There have been notable extensions of known coal fields as the result of deep sinkings and borings during the last few years; of these some of the most celebrated are in, Staffordshire where the eastern and western boundary faults have been shown to be merely dislocations, and valuable coal seams have been recovered on both sides. It is impossible to make a close estimate of the certain tonnage of coal recoverable in Great Britain because no limit can yet be assigned to workable depth, and the extension of known coal fields is an undetermined factor, but it is safe to say that there is no obstacle to the maintenance of the present output for two hundred years to come.

In Canada and the United States any computation would be grotesque because in both countries coal is practically unlimited in supply.

Conditions of Work.

It is equally interesting to study the conditions under which miners work now-a-days. The question of safety has been dealt with in these columns recently as well as the especial bearing of ventilation on safety. Apart from this, however, the comfort of miners has been enormously increased during the last forty years. This is true of all countries, and is due not only to the interchange of ideas between engineers and operators, but also to the organization of labor, and the holding of international conferences.

Great Britain led the way with shorter hours. Forty years ago the standard day's work consisted of twelve hours. Seventy years ago it was nominally twelve, but in reality nearer fourteen, because the pit bosses told the men when to cease work, and they dared not do so without his consent. He regulated the day's work by the demand for coal, and if there was a boat or a cart waiting for a load the men had to stay and make it up no matter what time it was, and they had no extra remuneration.

Seventy years ago boys commenced to work in mines at eight years of age, and received as little as a shilling a week. Forty years ago boys entered the mines at ten and twelve years of age working for sixpence a day. At the same time women were employed very generally, both in and about the mines of Germany and Belgium, and long after 1870 there were thousands employed on the surface of mines in Great Britain. There are still a few in Lancashire and Scotland, and possibly elsewhere.

Up to 1870 the "Butty" or "Charter" sytem was much in vogue in Great Britain, especially in small mines, although there were mines producing as much as a thousand tons a day, which continued the system. In the small mines the "butty," whilst generally an experienced miner, was a good deal of a slave-driver, and generally grew rich on his contract. Those were the "good old days" when a keg of beer was sent down the mine at 12 o'clock every day for the men to drink with their lunch. This was one of the perquisites to which they clung tenaciously, and when in the late 70s' it was proposed to abolish it altogether there was much heart burning and not a few strikes. Strange to say the men refused a substitute in cash, equal to double the value of the beer, but that made no difference, they clung to their ancient privilege and it was not until the early 80s' that a custom more honored in the breach than the observance was done away with.

Unique Conditions.

Some unique conditions prevailed in mines forty years ago, for instance, n those days there were no guides or conductors down which the cage would slide, nor were there many wire ropes or cables. Instead, flat linked chains were used, of enormous weight, and a lose swinging skip called "the tackler skip." Above this a cast iron ball, "the dolly," sometimes weighing as much as a ton, would be slung in order to weight the skip and ensure it going down the shaft.

Men would stand on this loose skip and be lowered to their work. The shaft was often crooked, the skip would catch on a projecting ledge, or on the brickwork, and would tilt, the men would try to push it off sometimes it would stick, they would shout at the top of their voices, when the engine would be reversed, and the skip would be lifted of the ledge.

Many lives were lost through men falling from a tilted skip, and as late as 1895 three men lost their lives in this manner in the Hub shaft of the Dominion Coal company, Cape Breton. There was an even more antiquated method of descending a mine than by means of the tackler skip, it was an arrangement called the "doubles," consisting of a number of chains looped up into one ring, the miners would slip one leg through a loop and hold on to the ring, as many as a dozen would hang together in this way, just like a bunch of carrots, and then would be lowered down the shaft. The process was both dangerous and painful, especially as it was slow? Many miners would take ten minutes to descend in this manner.

On the subject of slow descent, it was not a little amusing in those days to watch an engineer in charge of one of the old beam engines, which worked so slowly that one could hardly see that the pully was turning. The engineer would be sitting on the steps outside his enginehouse, smoking a pipe, a wire signal would be pulled by hand from the bottom of the shaft, and a clapper on the surface would sound, that was the signal to hoist. The engineer would disappear inside the enginehouse and start his engine, then he would come out and leave it to take care of itself. He would go down to the furnace, rake out the clinkers, shovel a load of coal on, close the doors under the boiler, saunter up the steps into the enginehouse, and be all in good time to stop the engine by the time the load reached the surface. There were many mines in those days where a daily output of twenty tons was considered quite a respectable tonnage, and would yield a fair profit to the butty and the owner.

Miners' Wages.

When one comes to consider the subject of wages, it is only possible to do so in the most general way, and in comparing the wages of 1870 with those of 1907, it must be borne in mind that the purchasing power of money has deteriorated to such an extent that figures admit of no comparison, unless they are corrected by this factor. Generally speaking it may be said that in Great Britain coal miners work eight hours now, where they worked twelve hours then, and that the average earnings have advanced from four shillings to eight shillings a day.

One would naturally suppose that a double wage, and a reduction of thirty per cent. in working hours would mean an increase of something like 80 per cent. in the cost of coal, but, this would be an incorrect conclusion, and if one takes ordinary steam, or manufacturing fuel as a standard, it is probable that 60 per cent. more correctly represents the increased cost of production.

This comparative gain is due to the advances which have been made in mining methods, to the use of scientific appliances, and to the development of large outputs.

The above figures are sufficient to show that the lot of the miner must have improved in every respect. Enlightened legislation has reduced danger, increased comfort, and rendered a calling, which was once not merely dangerous but, deadly, fairly sanitary and safe. In addition the enlightenment of the age, and the perseverance and ability of the leaders of organized labor have secured for the working miner a larger percentage of the profits of the industry.

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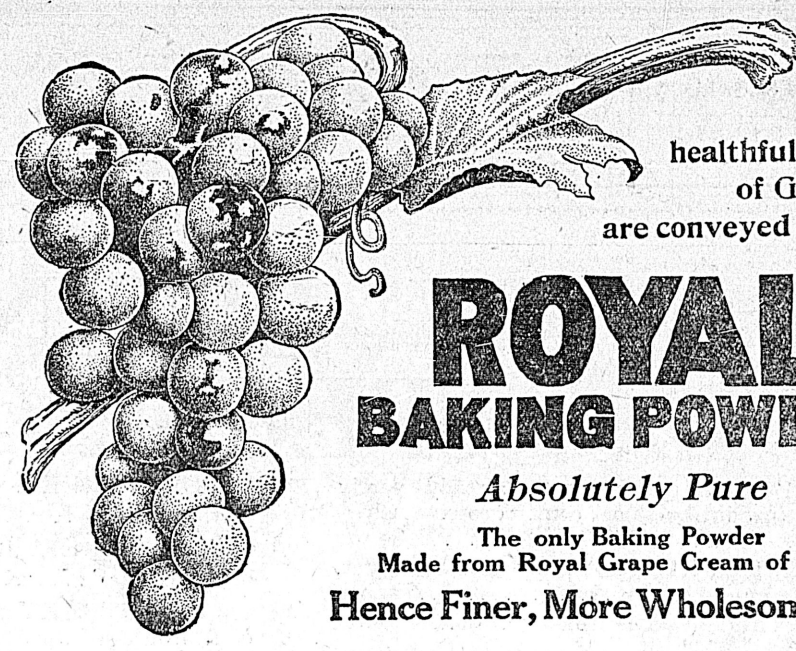

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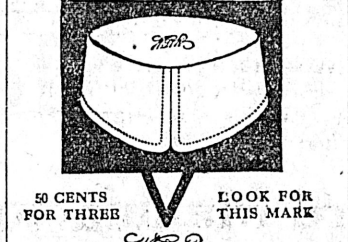

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ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL

(Continued from Page Eight)

At night the older girls gave a very beautiful entertainment. Their work showed the result of careful training and no little talent. The lines were spoken sweetly and naturally and with the careful enunciation which marks Mrs. Suttie's classes. The following is the programme:

Song—"The Maple Leaf".....School
Xmas Carol—"Noel" .....Traditional
Recitation—"The Fairies of the Caldron Low" .....Mary Howitt
Mary ..... Kathleen Powell
The Mother....Gwendolyn Humphreys
Water Fairies .....
Gwennie Hughes, Rita Williams, Norah MacEachern, Edith Richardson
Wind Fairies ..... Helen Fennell, Winnie Lee, Doris Macklin
Garden Fairies ..... Helene Simpson, Laura Macklin, Kathleen Muir
Brownie ..... Bernard Lees
Scene from "The Mill on the Floss" ..... George Eliot
The Family Party.
Mr. Tulliver ..... Gertrude Scott
Mrs. Tulliver ..... Beatrix Lees
Maggie Tulliver ..... Winnie Lee
Tom Tulliver ..... Norah MacEachern
Kezia ..... Elizabeth Scott
Uncle Glegg ..... Mildred MacEachern
Aunt Glegg ..... Maude Christie
Mr. Deane ..... Maud Williams
Mrs. Deane ..... Bessie Fennell
Lucy Deane ..... Kathleen Muir
Uncle Pullet ..... Gladys Piercy
Xmas Carol—"Good King Wenceslas" ..... Rev. Dr. Neale
Solo ..... Marjorie Kent
Solo ..... Kathleen Powell
"She Stoops to Conquer"...Goldsmith
Sir Chas. Marlow.....Beatrice Cook
Young Marlow (his son)) ..... Aimee Grogan
Hardcastle ..... Theresa Mesher
Hastings ..... Frances Cook
Tony Lumpkin .....Ruby Rudolph
Mrs. Hardcastle..Dorothy McGillivray
Miss Hardcastle ..... Erminie Bass
Miss Neville ..... Grace Bye
Landlady, Maid.....Gladys Piercy
Xmas Carol—"See, Amid the Winter Snow".....Rev. E. Caswell
Solo..... Violet Mesher
God Save the King.

AMUSEMENTS

The Alaskan

Virtually an entirely new version of "The Alaskan," a musical comedy of superior merit, will be the attraction at the Victoria theatre today and tomorrow.

This is the same production which ran for five consecutive months in Chicago, the past summer, and comes to Victoria in its new dress and with Chicago's strong stamp of approval written all over it. It is now a bright, cheery entertainment, full of crisp, clean, snappy dialogue, fresh humor of the twentieth century vintage, and, as the book in its entirety has been rewritten carefully, many new songs interpolated and a thoroughly competent company, it is sure to be a welcome visitor and a popular offering.

Pantages Theatre

Delightful comedy, interspersed with excellent vocal and instrumental music, character impersonations and graceful dancing classifies the return of this year's Pantages' Christmas show. It is merry and cheery all the way, and the best vaudevile in many weeks.

Moore & St. Clair, presenting "The Barnstormer," are simply irresitible as comedy purveyors. The violin and vocal recital of the Misses Jenifer and George is a musical treat and the balance of the programme including Fred Edwards, Italian character singer and monologist; Barnum, Gabriel & Co., in comedy musical numbers and the regular Pantages house attractions are all enjoyable.

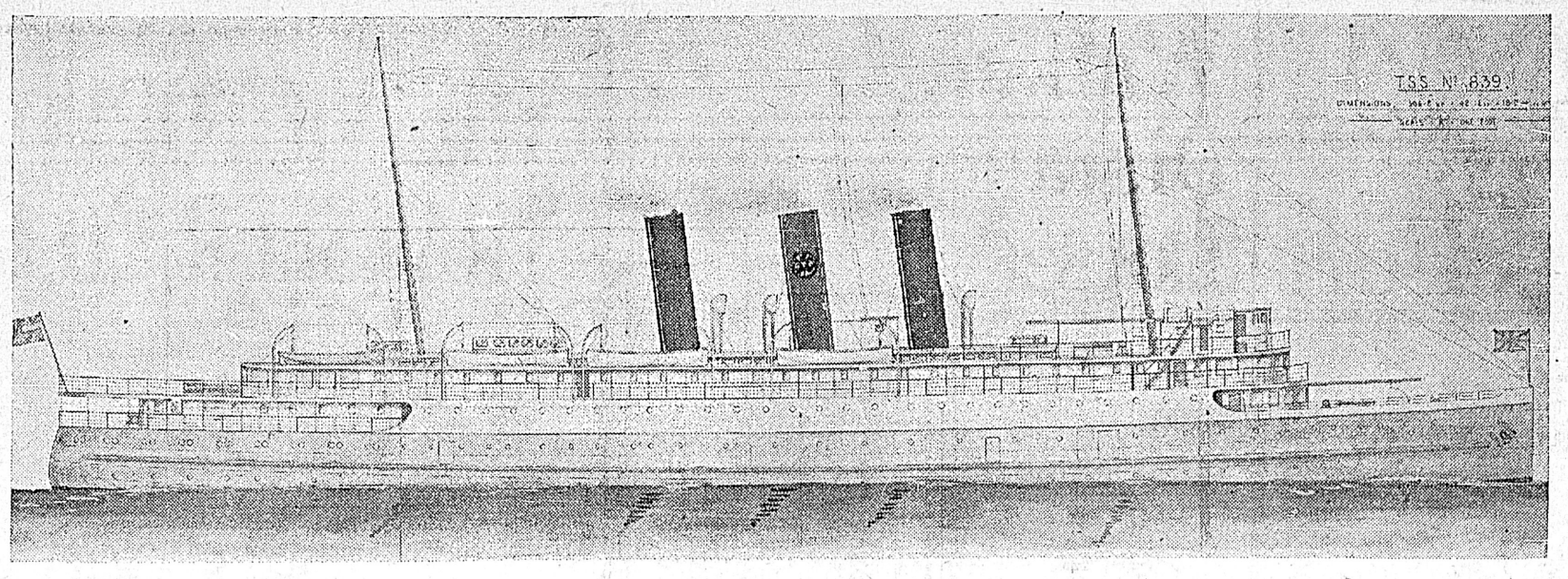
CHANGES IN RULES OF BASKETBALL

In view of the increased interest in basketball, several changes made by the national basketball committee are worthy of notice. Under the new rules, the umpire's duties undergo a slight change. He is no longer supposed only to watch the man with the ball and his opponent, but the remaining players also. The holding and rough play which has developed as a result of the fact that both the umpire and the referee have in the past watched the struggle over the ball, will, it is expected, be eliminated by the new ruling.

In the future the scorekeepers will be compelled to compare the score after each goal, and in case they do not tally, call the referee immediately. The referee must otherwise accept the larger score. The committee made a change relative to dribbling which is of considerable importance. If a player who is dribbling the ball down the court stops and holds the ball at rest in one or both hands, he will be obliged to toss for a goal or pass to another player. If he wishes to continue dribbling after making a stop, he must continue to keep the ball bouncing during the period when he is not advancing.

Formerly, if three players put their hands on the ball at once, the side having two men touch the ball fouled. According to the revision of the rules, when two players are struggling for possession of the ball, a third player by coming in bodily contact with them is penalized, but he may reach under them and secure the ball provided he does not come in contact.

Another important change concerns the boundary line. In the past the line has been on the inside. As it is now any players or part of the ball touching the line is outside. The ball is outside if a player standing on the line seizes the ball or it is thrown to him. Glass backgrounds for the baskets are now legal. Under the old rules they were not allowed.



The new steamer Prince Rupert, launched by Swan Hunter & Wigham Richardson, for the Grand Trunk Pacific steamship service.

SIXTEEN NEW VESSELS COMING

Big Development in British Columbia Waters During the Coming Season

ADDITIONS TO MANY FLEETS

Changes Anticipated Also in the Services of the Trans-Pacific Lines

There will be a greater development in the shipping industry of British Columbia during the coming season than at any time since the Golden Hind came round the Horn and the Beaver years after ploughed her way, first of the steamers to invade the North Pacific. Sixteen new steamers are to come for service in British Columbia waters, and four, probably more, new liners are to enter the transpacific trade in addition to those steamers of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha being completed to augment that company's line and the steamers brought from the European line of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha to replace the present fleet.

The Development

The beginning of the shipping development came with the placing of the fine three-funnelled liner Princess Victoria of the C. P. R. in service six years ago, when owing to the foresight of Captain J. W. Troup, superintendent of the C. P. R. Steamship company, he had the palatial interport steamer constructed by Swan Hunter & Wigham Richardson and brought to Victoria for the services to the mainland of British Columbia and Puget Sound. Since then there has been gradual development. The Princess Victoria was followed by the Princess Charlotte for the C. P. R. and the steamers Iroquois, Chippewa and Indianapolis, bought on the Great Lakes for the International Steamship company, the steamer Powhatan was bought at Hongkong and converted into a passenger steamer, the Rupert City for the Prince Rupert trade, in which the C. P. R. steamers Princess May, Princess Royal and Princess Beatrice, these two latter the product of a Victoria shipyard, and the Union Steamship company's new steamers Cariboo and Camosun, and the steamers Vadso and St. Denis of the Boscowitz Steamship company, are also engaged in conjunction with the northern British Columbia service. Development has followed development, not only in the coasting trade and deep water services, but also in the fishing industry.

A Record Broken

The coming season, however, is to be a record breaker. Captain J. W. Troup, of the C. P. R., is in England awarding contracts for at least two new Princesses, one to be used in the night service between Victoria and Vancouver, a twin-screw steamer with good passenger accommodations with a guaranteed speed of 17 knots an hour and a slightly smaller steamer, another twin screw steel passenger vessel to be used on the Victoria, Nanaimo and Comox route. The steamer Prince Rupert has been launched and is being completed at the yards of Swan Hunter & Wigham Richardson for the G. T. P. and the Prince George, a sister steamer, is in frame and being plated ready to take the water early in January for the G. T. P., which company has purchased the steamer Bruno from T. Wilson Sons & Co., of Hull, and is negotiating for another passenger and freight steamer to be purchased for the northern carrying trade to Prince Rupert.

Northern Service

The Bruno, which, owing to her gaudy coloring—the hull is painted green and stack red—is locally known at Hull as one of the "Parrot" line, is to be used between Prince Rupert and northern British Columbia ports and Queen Charlotte islands. The steamer Puri, bought from the Indian railroads by the Mackenzie Steamship company, to be operated between Victoria, Seattle and Vancouver, is on the way from Bombay. The steamer Venture, being built on the Clyde to replace the steamer of the same name burned last summer on the Skeena, is to come for the service of the Boscowitz Steamship company to northern British Columbia from Victoria. The steamer Petriana has started from England for the coasting service of the Northern Steamships company recently formed at Vancouver, and report says that another steamer will be secured.

The Union Steamship company is building another steamer for its service at Dublin, and plans are out for another fast steel passenger steamer, to be named the Sioux, for the service of the International Steamship company between Seattle and Victoria.

C. N. R. Service

In addition to these vessels there is a prospect of steamers being secured shortly for the Canadian Northern Railroad company in view of its early completion of its railroad to Englishman's bluff from Yellowhead pass where connection will be made with the trunk transcontinental line to Barkley sound on the west coast of Vancouver island by way of Victoria, with which city connection will be made from Englishman's bluff by steam car-ferries. The fishing steamer Roman, first of a fleet to be purchased for the B. C. Packers association, consisting of probably half a dozen vessels, leaves Liverpool on Saturday for British Columbia, and it is reported the Pacific Fisheries company, which operates the steamer Kingsway, will bring out another fishing steamer. There will be at least sixteen new vessels in service next summer in British Columbia waters, probably more.

Deep Sea Vessels

In the transpacific trade the Weir line is to add two new liners, the Orteric and Luceric, which are being completed at the Russell yards on the Clyde, the Blue Funnel line will add new steamers, the first of which, the Protesilaus, leaves Liverpool in January, and the keel has been laid for another vessel of 13,000 tons of the Blue Funnel type, to be followed by two sister vessels. The C. P. R. is making plans for great improvements in the transpacific service. It was stated some time ago that the steamers Empress of Ireland and Empress of Britain would be transferred to this ocean from the Atlantic, and recently, when reports came from Glasgow of the absorption of the bulk of the stock of the Allan lines by the C. P. R., it was reported that the turbiners Virginian and Victorian would be sent to the Pacific for the C. P. R. It is considered, though, that this company will not alter its transpacific service until 1911. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha, which formerly maintained a fleet of six steamers in the trade from Hongkong to this coast has transferred four of its European liners, older vessels of the same type of the transpacific liners hitherto used, to serve this line, and the opposition Japanese line, the Osaka Shosen Kaisha will have six steamers in service, freighters of 6,000 tons.

The Canadian Northern railroad has made arrangements to begin an Atlantic service with the steamers Cairo and Heliopolis, which are being converted at the Fairfield yards on the Clyde to make them suitable, as far as they can be made suitable, for the trade, and as soon as the metals are laid to the Pacific coast a transpacific service will be arranged. The G. T. P. company has not yet arranged for its transpacific service and will not build steamers until the railroad is completed. Then it will have a fleet of ocean liners second to none, according to statements of its officials.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

By Government Wireless

Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, calm. Bar. 29.96, temp. 37. Sea smooth. No shipping.

Cape Lazo, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, calm. Bar. 29.96, temp. 56. Sea smooth. No shipping.

Point Grey, 8 a.m.—Cloudy and calm. Bar. 29.98, temp. 56. Sea smooth. No shipping.

Point Grey, noon—Cloudy, calm. Bar. 29.98, temp. 47. Sea smooth. No shipping.

Cape Lazo, noon—Cloudy, calm. Bar. 29.98, temp. 56. Sea smooth. Spoke Jefferson, southbound, 10.30 a.m.

Tatoosh, noon—Cloudy, northwest wind. Bar. 29.98, temp. 56. Sea moderate. No shipping.

Estevan, noon—Cloudy, calm. Bar. 29.98, temp. 56. Sea smooth. No shipping.

Pachena, noon—Cloudy, calm. Bar. 29.98, temp. 56. Sea smooth. No shipping.

Cape Lazo, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, wind southeast. Bar. 29.98, temp. 56. Sea smooth. No shipping.

Point Grey, 6 p.m.—Clear calm. Bar. 30.05, temp. 31. Sea moderate. No shipping.

Tatoosh, 6 p.m.—Clear, westerly wind. Bar. 29.98, temp. 56. Sea smooth. In, steamer President, 12.45, and U. S. S. Snohomish, 2.45 p.m.

Estevan, 6 p.m.—Clear, calm. Bar. 29.98, temp. 56. Sea smooth. No shipping.

Pachena, 6 p.m.—Clear, calm. Bar. Bar. 29.05, temp. 36. Sea moderate. No shipping.

Brought Survivors.

The steamer Camosun, which arrived at Vancouver yesterday from Prince Rupert, brought the crew of the gasoline fishing schooner Lulu which blew up at Dixons entrance on Dec. 11. Captain George Clark states that the accident was caused by a lamp overturning and setting fire to the vessel. The crew launched the dories and got away but he was blown into the sea being picked up by his men. The vessel was uninsured and was valued at $4,000.

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WOULD HAVE GONE TO WRONG ISLAND

Belle of Spain Receives Directions to Proceed to Ocean Island

Had the steamer Belle of Spain, which steams away today for the southern seas, started without making enquiry from her owners as to which of the three Ocean Islands that lie below the line she is to go to for the cargo of phosphates which she is to take to Stettin in North Germany, the steamer would have gone to the wrong one. Capt. Minister received orders after coaling at Comox a few days ago to "proceed to Ocean Island to load phosphates for Stettin." He looked up the charts, and found three Ocean Islands and he knew not to which he should proceed. After some thought he concluded that Ocean or Cure Island, which lies close to the line was his destination. It was the nearest, anyhow.

Then came Captain Gow, of the Bessie Dollar and argued that it was another, more distant Ocean island to which the Belle of Spain was bound. The perplexed skipper cabled his owners: "Send latitude and longitude of Ocean island." They did, and when the cable came yesterday he found that it was to Ocean island that lies two degrees south of the line, the Ocean island where the Pacific Phosphate company, a British concern, has its crews, where buoys have been laid for the freighters, which come for cargoes, to moor. It is a little island, two miles long by a mile and half wide, and unlike the Atoll islands has no lagoon. It is dangerous of approach, having to be approached over the reef. Many traders passed it, for there was little copra there, until Flood and Miller, two traders, found the phosphate ten years ago. They didn't know what they had found; and if they had they would have died millionaires.

Ignorant of Value

Flood, the trader, in his lifetime carried a cargo from the island to Sydney in which he took a large lump of phosphate which was shown to people as ignorant as himself of its value and it lay for years, until it was finally seen by one who knew, and he hurried off to Ocean island and secured working rights. The Pacific Phosphate company, which now works the rich isle, has built rows of galvanized iron houses, and girdered piers run over the reef. Many steamers go there during the year to carry cargoes. There is a large colony of workers, all employees of the company, on the island, manager, engineers, architect, chemists, overseers and storekeepers, and field workers, these being kanakas and Japanese as well as the natives. Often as many as 700 natives are brought from the Gilbert and Ellice islands to work the phosphate for the company under contract, and there are 600 Japanese employed there. An electric plant supplies houses, wharves and works with light, and there is a railroad running around the little island, with tiny engines and the narrowest of guages carrying laden cars of phosphates to the piers.

No Firewater There

On the Ocean island to which the Belle of Spain would have gone had Capt. Minister followed his first intentions there is not room for the colony on the other Ocean island. There are 100 white men, 600 Japanese and 1,000 Kanakas on the isle, Japanese and Kanakas being kept to their own villages. No liquor stronger than lager beer is allowed on the island, for a Kanaka becomes dangerous when he has firewater, and the commissioner who lives on Ocean island, which is a British protectorate, takes strong measures against any bringer of contraband liquor. There is a missionary, who holds services on Sundays, and two doctors, one white, one Japanese, on the island.

The phosphate company has been put to considerable expense to lay buoys and make safe moorings for the steamers which come to load at the island. The island rises very steep and is surrounded by a dangerous reef. At two points big iron piers have been erected and run out over the reef and cars of phosphates are run out on these to the steamers. The water is extraordinary deep, there being 200 fathoms at the mooring places, and the buoys placed for shipping were expensive, each set costing $20,000.

The steamers must keep steam up all the time they lay at the moorings and when a blow is signalled they are ordered to cast off. Several have been wrecked. One ship which dragged from the mooring and went ashore, was being salved when she slid off and almost drowned the salvors.

One Kanaka, who had remained on board when the others fled, shouting that he was captain now, was carried out. He came up, though, indignant because the steamer failed to do likewise.

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DISCUSSED PLANS FOR G. T. P. WHARF

Meeting Between Officials of Company and Members of Inner Harbor Association.

In the committee room of the city hall yesterday morning an informal meeting between members of the Inner Harbor association and Captain C. H. Nicholson, manager of the G. T. P. steamship services and G. A. McNicholl, of the railroad company, was held yesterday morning to further discuss the construction of the wharves on the property bought by the company in the inner harbor between the wharf of the Alaska Steamship company and the Dominion government. An amended plan by T. C. Sorby, secretary of the association, was submitted, to which exception was taken by the C. P. R. and Alaska Steamship company, and no recommendation was made regarding the change by the G. T. P. officials. Two corners are taken off the proposed wharves in the amended plan. A letter from the deputy minister of marine and fisheries at Ottawa was read by Mr. Sorby noting the protest made by the Inner Harbor association and a letter from G. H. Barnard, M. P., stating that a plan had been filed by the G. T. P. and withdrawn.

Amended Plan

When the amended plan of Mr. Sorby was introduced, G. A. McNicholl said his company wanted the original plan and it was proposed to dredge in to get additional facilities. Mr. Sorby said this could not be done. Under his proposed plan the G. T. P. could not get its buildings in or the driveway to the wharf. The G. T. P. had prepared its plans for only the actual requirements.

Senator McDonald: "We don't want to put any objection in the way of the G. T. P., but you are not going to spoil other people's property. We can get an injunction to stop you."

Mr. McNicholl: "Well, we feel that these are the plans we want, and if we cannot get these we must abandon our plans. It is a question whether the people of Victoria want us, for we are not going to pay wharfage."

Mr. McArthur: "How is the Alaska Steamship company going to get in to its property?"

Mr. McNicholl: "We feel we can't work on Mr. Sorby's plan. We want room for two steamers—one on the triangular run and one on the northern run. We have to berth 318 feet steamers, and we have 408 feet frontage."

Mr. Sorby: "The G. T. P. has considered the plans without considering the harbor."

Senator McDonald: "The best you can do is to go over the other side of the bay, between the C. P. R. and Laurel Point."

Mr. McNicholl: "We are not going to buy property there now we have spent a lot of money for the property we hold."

Mr. Vincent: "The Alaska company might get in, but it could not get out again."

Capt. Clarke: "To anyone who knows anything about navigation it is readily seen that the plan will interfere with the other people already doing business there."

Senator McDonald: "You had better go ahead and revise your plans."

Mr. Kirk: "I think the property owners will meet you in any reasonable way, but if you persist in your present plans, they will object."

It was finally decided that an adjournment should be taken until after a discussion of the matter is held between officials of the G. T. P. and Alaska Steamship company and if an agreement is reached new plans may be prepared.

BESSIE DOLLAR GOES TO BARNET

Capt. Gow Was Formerly Master of Trans-Pacific Steamer Running to Victoria.

The steamer Bessie Dollar, Capt. Gow, of the Dollar line, which inaugurated the business of the fine new wharf built at the Victoria Chemical works with a frontage of 300 feet and depth of 22 feet at low water, left for Barnet yesterday after discharging 800 tons of sulphur. Capt. Gow of the Bessie Dollar is an old-time master of transpacific steamers, having commanded the steamer Columbia when she ran into Victoria from Hongkong and way ports under the flag of Dodwell & Co for the Northern Pacific line. About ten years ago he came here in command of the Russian steamer Dalnyvostok with a shipload of 900 Japanese. This was in the heyday of the rush of Japanese coolies into British Columbia.

Much merriment has been occasioned on the waterfront regarding the reports of the great "difficulties" the pilots are supposed to have had landing the four master at the new wharf, and the report that no less than three—count 'em three—pilots were on the steamer to do the "arduous work," published in an evening paper has caused amusement in some quarters, indignation in others. As a matter of fact there was one pilot, the usual number supplied to each vessel on the Bessie Dollar and the landing was made without any difficulty whatever, nor was difficulty anticipated, the wharf being most accessible and easy to approach.

STEAM WHALERS COMING HERE

Vessel Built in Sections Shipped From Norway—Another on Way From St. John

TWO OTHERS FOR QUEEN CHARLOTTES

Two Steamers to Be Used Next Season From Stations at Sechart and Kyuquot

More steam whalers are on the way to Victoria to augment the fleet of the Pacific Whaling Company. A modern Norwegian whaling steamer has been built in sections at Christiana for the local company and is being shipped to Victoria to be put together here, and a whaling steamer bought at St. John, Newfoundland, is on the way from the eastern port by way of the Strait of Magellan. Both are expected here in March and will be ready to start service off the west coast of Vancouver Island when the summer whaling season begins next year when two vessels will be used from each station, instead of one as heretofore.

Two more steam whalers are to be secured, probably constructed in sections in Norway and shipped to this city, to be used next summer from the whaling station which is being established by the Queen Charlotte Whaling Company, working in conjunction with the Pacific Whaling Company, near Rose spit at the south of the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Transferred to Sechart.

The steam whalers Orion and St. Lawrence, which are now engaged in the Gulf of Georgia taking their catches to the station at Page's lagoon are to be moved in a few weeks to Sechart, where they will remain during the winter to take advantage of any good spells of weather that offer for winter whaling. It is considered that better results can be obtained by work at intervals during the winter months off the west coast of Vancouver Island.

The presence of the two whaling steamers at Sechart will be a factor in the protection of shipping off the island coast. The new motor lifeboat which the Ottawa government has had built at Bayonne, New Jersey—having failed to notice any boatbuilders capable of such works in the Dominion—is on the way and is to be stationed at Pachena early in the year. The life-saving station at Banfield, where the motor lifeboat which was wrecked after being allowed to drift away a year ago to drive ashore at Robbers Island was located, is to be transferred to Pachena. The same difficulty that prevailed last year with regard to the engagement of crews for the lifeboats still prevails, and in the event of accident the presence of the steam whalers, which, with their harpoon guns could shoot a light line for nearly half a mile to carry lines suitable for breeches buoys to a wrecked vessel would be extremely useful. The Lysle guns placed at Banfield are heavy, the gun and carriage weighing about five tons, and with the condition of the trail during winter—a trail which is mostly at some distance from the actual shore line—it would be difficult, if not impossible at times, to get these guns to the place where they would be needed.

PESCAWHA PREPARING FOR SEALING CRUISE

Will Follow the Jessie to Sea After the Christmas Holiday is Past.

Following the sailing of the sealing schooner Jessie on Sunday in command of Captain William Munro, bound to the southern sealing grounds with 21 hunters and sailors on board, the schooner Pescawha is preparing to sail, and will leave on Monday or Tuesday next in command of Captain Balcom. Melville Collinson is again going as mate.

The Pescawha will have a full crew of white hunters. It is not expected that any others of the sealing fleet will sail until March, when probably the Thomas F. Bayard and the Vera will leave. The schooners will hunt off the southern coast until the spring seasons ends, when they will proceed to the sea otter grounds to hunt otter until the Bering Sea season opens.

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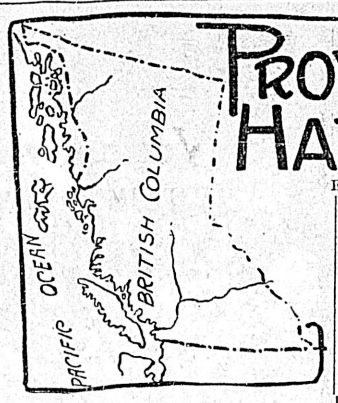

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P. Burns & Co. report turkeys much more plentiful this season and at lower prices than last season.

The Great Northern has refused to part with its rights on the north shore of False creek, Vancouver, nor will it consider arbitration proposals.

A request is to be made by the New Westminster Trades & Labor Council to the incoming city council, to rescind the $2 road tax.

Passenger trains will not be running on the Cloverdale section of the B. C. Electric Railway during the present month.

The Couteau Power Company is understood to have financied to the extent of $2,000,000 its scheme for installing a network of rural tramlines in the Okanagan district.

The Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company, of Trail, has concluded a long lease of the well known Sullivan Group at Kimberley, East Kootenay, and the smelter at Marysville.

The city council of Vancouver has decided to submit to the people by a plebiscite in January, the proposals to exchange the old hospital site for the courthouse site.

Great Northern officials promise New Westminster that a more satisfactory train service will be arranged between Abbotsford and the Royal City.

Nanaimo lost one of its pioneer residents in the death of George Baker, who passed away Monday morning. The deceased had settled in the Nanaimo district in 1854 ,and was for seventeen years a member of the Nanaimo city council.

The Vancouver Second Narrows bridge scheme has advanced a stage. The petition of the interested company, endorsed by various civic and rural bodies, provides for a bridge carried so high above the water that no draw will be necessary to permit the free passage of shipping.

County Judge Grant, of Vancouver, has refused to hear the appeal of J. W. deB. Farris against the dismissal by Magistrate Williams of the charges brought some time ago by the Tailors' Union against T. Morgan and S. Silverblatt of violating the alien labor act by importing tailors from the United States.

Andrew Domareski is suing the Wellington Colliery Company for $5,000 damages for bodily injuries occasioned him by the fall of a mass of rock while he was working in the company's mine at Cumberland. His contention is that the roof was not properly timbered and that there had not been an inspection within 24 hours as required by the act.

F. W. Adams, lately from the United States, was yesterday sentenced at six months at hard labor in Vancouver. The conviction was for vagrancy, as the police could not fasten the charge of circulating counterfeit money.

Dan O'Neill, for begging, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment in the Vancouver police court yesterday; while Thomas Wilson, for stealing a brush and comb, will serve twelve months at hard labor.

Coal Creek Miner Killed

Joseph Hewitson, single, about twenty-five years old was killed Saturday at No. 1 north mine, Coal Creek. Hewitson who had recently arrived from Cumberland, Eng., was engaged as driver two weeks ago. He was driving a new horse which by some unknown means bolted in the mine with a loaded car. The deceased was caught between the train and the timbers holding the roof and sides and instantly killed. An inquest will be held today.

Oil Signs at Matsqui

The discovery of indications of petroleum or tar sands on the Matsqui Prairie has created considerable excitement in that section, according to the Fraser Valley Record, of Mission City. It appears that while excavating for the power house at Maple Grove a match fell on the sand and caused the attention of the workmen by burning away furiously for some time. So confident were some that it bespoke of oil indications in large quantities that some of the sand was taken to Vancouver and carefully tested, with the result that a very strong company has been formed for the purpose of boring for oil. Boring operations will begin shortly.

Hon. Mr. Cushing Pays.

The suit before the supreme court at Nelson, in which J. B. Winlaw sued W. H. Cushing, minister of public

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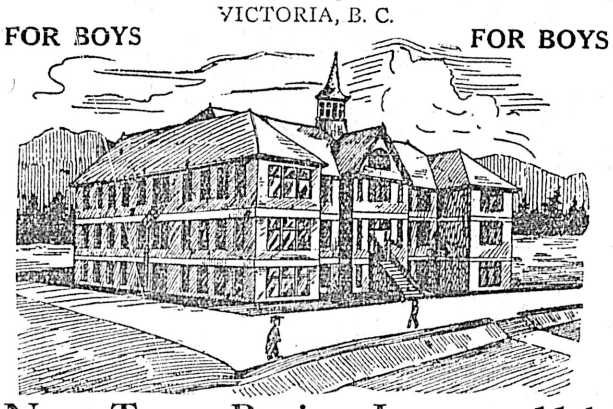

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FEW CHANGES IN GAME LAWS

Minor Amendments May Be Made to Act at Next Session of Legislature

With a meeting of the Provincial legislature now less than a month away, it is a matter for surprise, as something quite unprecedented, that as yet no suggestions have been formally presented to the government for Game Law amendments. That the act is on the whole giving satisfaction seems to be generally admitted, and while the specially interested game clubs and sportsmen's associations may and probably will have some detail improvements to suggest, 1910 will undoubtedly see very little of the usual game act tinkering. The limitation of the season's bag of 250 ducks will possible be struck out as impractical in operation, and quite probably a day's bag limit may be prescribed for all the favorite game birds of the province.

License Needed.

Another suggestion advanced and which has many supporters among the experienced knights of the greenwood and the gun is that possession of a gun license shall be necessarily pre-requisite to going a-hunting. It is believed that the hunters in whose hands it is safe to place a gun or rifle will have no objection whatever to paying a nominal fee and taking out a hunter's license—while the immature and untrustworthy will not become licensees. The funds accruing from all license receipts, it is held, should be applied with advantage to the introduction and care of game birds, and in other parallel movements for the betterment of the conditions of this branch of western sport.

Of the recently introduced game birds of Europe in whose successful acclimatization the sportsmen of Vancouver Island are so keenly interested, it may be of interest to many to know that several of the Black Game and the Capercailize have recently been seen in the vicinity of Cowichan lake, where they appear to be making themselves at home, and destined (if left alone) to multiply, for the infinite improvement of the sport of future generations. Nothing has been seen of the Hungarian partridges released at Sooke lake through the enterprise of Mr. Todd, and it is feared that these pretty birds have fallen victims to the voracious coons, which are this year to be found at this lake in unprecedented numbers.

The French Case.

There has recently been considerable comment excited as to the authority under which Dr. Cecil French of Washington has been advertising in the Kootenay press for live British Columbia mountain goats, destined for foreign collections. Dr. French in each of his advertisements notes with emphasis that "permits for exportation are already held," there being a stringent provision in the Game Act forbidding such exportation except under special authority from the Provincial Secretary. A permit in this behalf is held by Chief Game Warden Bryan-Williams, and it is known that he in turn has authorized exportations in some few special cases, wherein he has recognized opportunities to oblige foreign zoological institutions of importance, and at the same time, in several cases, obtain for British Columbia valuable exchange game specimens.

In the case of Dr. French, it is ascertained by investigation that he has secured permits both from the Chief Game Warden and from the Provincial Secretary directly. Although he is a professional purveyor and provider of menagerie specimens, he represents in this particular instance the National Zoological Institute of Belgium and the famous Rothschild collection, for which the required specimens are sought.

Mr. Bryan-Williams is expected to visit Victoria next week, for the purpose of consulting with Hon. Dr. Young, in whose department are game law matters generally, as to the possible further perfection of the act, in view of the approach of a session of the House.

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The ocean race between the barkentins Koko Head and Lahaina has resulted in a win for the first named, which arrived at Sydney on December 17 after a passage of 73 days. Word of her arrival was received here yesterday and now shipping men are waiting for news of the Lahaina.

The barkentines are sister ships owned by Hind, Rolph & Co., and both loaded lumber at Hastings Mill for Sydney. The Koko Head, Captain Larsen, sailed on October 7 with 1,437,062 feet and was followed by the Lahaina, Captain Carlsen, on October 11, with 1,328,000. Both vessels were fresh from drydock, and Captain Carlsen had expressed the opinion that notwithstanding the start, he could beat the Koko Head to Sydney. This he failed to do, but his arrival should be reported any time now.

KAGA MARU STARTS ON FAREWELL RUN

Oanfa Had Protracted and Rough Passage Across Pacific—Oceano Leaves

On her farewell trip the steamer Kaga Maru of the Nippon Yusen kaisha, sailed from the outer wharf yesterday for Yokohama and the usual ports of call in the far east. She took a big cargo, including machinery, fertilizer, cotton. The steamer Minnesota will follow her leaving Seattle today. The Kaga Maru is to be replaced by one of the steamers of the European line on arrival. The steamer Empress of Indian, of the C.P.R., is expected to report by wireless today or tomorrow, being due on Friday or Saturday from Hongkong and way ports. The steamer Ning Chow of the Blue Funnel line is also due on Saturday, coming from Liverpool and way ports via the far east. The steamer Oanfa, which left here December 1st, had a rough trip across the Pacific and occupied 20 days in reaching Yokohama, being five days overdue. The steamer Oceano of the Weir line passed out yesterday with a large cargo, including big shipments of dog salmon and salt herring.

FRUHLING RESUMES

After Being Tied Up for Nine Months for Repairs Dredge Starts Service

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 21.—The Canadian government dredge Fruhling, which has been under repair at the government wharf for nearly nine months, left this morning for the sand heads where she will resume operations at dredging and widening the river channel. She will work between No. 1 and No. 2 red buoys.

The Fruhling has been very thoroughly overhauled while in port, and all her pump linings have been oxidized with manganese, which renders them more impervious to the fine sand of the river bed which acts like so much emery upon the steel and metal work of the dredging apparatus. The treatment of the pump linings with this substance will probably fit the big dredge for a longer period of work. Formerly she has had to come in for repairs after three or four months of dedging. This has meant a big expense to the government as the vessel has had to lay off for nearly twice the time that she has been able to work.

Capt. Goss reports that the river bed has now been dredged to a depth of about three feet, and hopes to accomplish a good deal this winter.

Coals at Vancouver.

The Canadian-Australian liner Aorangi will not go to Comox for coal this trip but will take on her bunker fuel at Vancouver.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF CHARTER MARKET

Barley Charter Made Last Week at Low Rate of Fifteen Shillings

"One barley charter was made during the past week at 15s, the only other announced being the Ville du Havre to load barley at San Francisco at the union rate, which fixture was done two months ago," says the Commercial News in its weekly report. The International Sailing Ship Owners' union has withdrawn its minimum freight rate for grain ships, taking effect immediately and lasting until next July. In view of this fact and that barley stocks are considerably in excess of last year at this time, there are likely to be some further charters. According to the report of stocks of grain in the state on December 1, there is a barley stock of 260,398 tons, or 68,948 tons more than on December 1, 1908. According to a Northern exporter, the price of wheat is too high to export it even with a reasonable figure for vessels. The fact that there has been a break in the union rates will not stimulate the charter markets so far as this coast and grain are concerned, for the original cost of the wheat makes it impossible to ship even at low freight rates to other countries.

"Lumber chartering continues rather quiet, with few fixtures of importance to record. Puget Sound to two ports on the West Coast has been done at 40s, a low figure; Puget Sound to Callao has been done at 39s, also a reduction; Eureka to Altata, a small vesel has been done at $7.50; Eureka to United Kingdom has been done at private terms, understood to be a very low figure Portland to Shanghai, spring loading has been done at 4s 6d gross register. Coastwise charters remain steady at $4 and $4.50."

Offshore lumber rates are quoted as follows: Lumber from Puget Sound or British Columbia to Sydney, 30@31s 3d; to Melbourne or Adelaide, 33s 6d; Port Pirie, 33s 9d@35s; to Fremantle 35s@37s 6d; to Japan ports, (steamers) 30s@31s 3d; Callao, 39s, direct nitrate ports, 40s@42s 6d; with 2s 6d less to direct port; to South African ports, 52s 6d@55s; to United Kingdom and continent, 55s@60s; Guaymas, $5; Mazatlan, $5@5.50; Santa Rosalia, $6; Honolulu, $5.

Bertha Arrives.

The steamer Bertha which was overdue from Alaska at Seattle reached port yesterday.

Buying New Steamer.

Mr. William Whitehead, of the Coast Steamship Company is in England to purchase a new steamer for his company, this craft being expected here next spring.

Petriana In Distress.

The steamer Petriana has put into Vigo in distress according to the maritime register. This is the steamer purchased in England by the newly formed Northern Steamship company, of Vancouver and is intended for the northern run. Her deckhouses were damaged and the vessel appears to have had a rough time. She is one of the fleet due in the spring from the United Kingdom.

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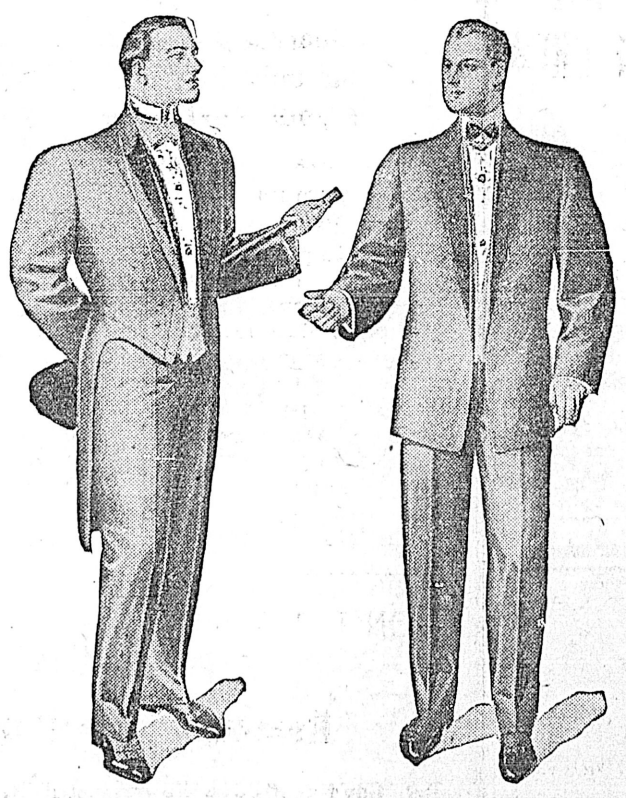

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Altogether, it's a little booklet worth having, aside from the fact that it illustrates by photogravure some 32 models in the Semi-ready stores. There are others. Buying a dress suit for $25 and delivering it in an hour, is the way of to-day—

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PASSED JUDGE IN A BUNCH

Carroll Won Empress Club's Two-Mile Race Yesterday

SEVEN CONTESTANTS SPRINTED TO WIRE

Second Place Went to Sharpe Who Figured in One-Mile Series Recently

THE RACE.

Winner: Carroll, starting at scratch. Time, 10.53.
Second: Sharpe, with 275 yards handicap. Ten yards behind the leader at finish.
Entries: Seven, all of whom ran full distance, coming to wire in a bunch.

The Empress club's two-mile race held over the Beacon Hill track yesterday afternoon was a spectacular affair not lacking in excitement.

Of the seven sturdy lads who lined up at the points assigned them by Handicapper Sweeney, not one found the distance too much for his endurance. Not only did all complete the circuit twice but every individual had sufficient reserve at the last moment to come in with the spurt which is a feature of the running of all distance men of note. And what added materially to the merit of the event was the admirable way in which the handicap worked out. The ability of the contestants had been figured to a nicety as the race for the first and second places was the most exhilarating seen on a local track for many a long month.

Carroll, who was at scratch when the gun sounded, was victorious. Only ten yards behind him was Sharpe, who figured among the winners in the club's mile series which took place a little over a week ago.

The other entries, their handicaps, and the place in which they finished, are as follows:

Cervi, a young Greek, recently out from Athens, with 444 yards handicap, third.

Kelsey, formerly of the Y. M. C. A., and now a member of the Empress Athletic club, running from scratch, fourth.

Tribe, with a handicap of 350 yards, fifth.

Pauline, with a handicap of 440 yards, sixth.

Price, with a handicap of 350 yards, seventh.

On the completion of the first mile it didn't look as though the conclusion would be even or that those who topped the list would be able to achieve that position. Romping along in an easy manner was Pauline with considerable to the good. Behind him sloped the youthful Greek, Cervi, whose pace indicated plenty of endurance without a great amount of speed. Sharpe was third and in the fourth position came Carroll, the man destined to outstrip his competitors.

Carroll Moves Ahead

It was not until after the mile had been compassed that Carroll began to show his pace. At the outset he had been running stiffly and his admirers were doubtful if he would be able to outstep the lads who held places in the front. When the necessity arose, however, Carroll loosened up and at an almost imperceptible rate began to increase his pace. He didn't look so much as though he were going faster as that the others were slackening. Perhaps it was a combination of the two that gave him the leading position before the last two hundred and fifty yards of the distance had been covered.

When the wire came in sight the competitors started a sprint as if at a pre-arranged signal. At high speed they coursed towards the wire, Carroll ten yards ahead of Sharpe and the latter little more than that in the lead of his nearest rival. And so it was right down the line with the exception of the last two or three who passed before the judge's eye barely a hair's breadth separating them.

A medal presented by the Empress Athletic club for the first honors and one contributed by the Victoria Sporting Goods Co., for the second place, were presented the successful Manathoners by Mrs. H. B. Jackson, wife of the assistant manager of the Empress hotel, with a few words of congratulation.

CALIFORNIANS REACH VANCOUVER TODAY

VANCOUVER, Dec. 21.—The Berkeley Rugby team, champions of California, will arrive in Vancouver tomorrow, and on Christmas Day will line up against the local fifteen at Brockton point.

Berkeley defeated the Vancouver team on their recent trip to California, but if hard conscientious workouts can help at Rugby team the Vancouver fifteen of Saturday afternoon will be a different proposition than the one the collegians met in California.

The reversal of form shown in last Saturday's game against the fast Victoria team, when they defeated the boys from the Capital by 12 points to 3, leads the large number of Rugby enthusiasts in this city to give the local team a swell chance in the coming matches with the champions of California.

Ever since the return from the south the Vancouver Rugby team has been practising hard, and under the direction of Coach Jenkinson, are in the pink of condition, and ready to go the hard grind any time now. There was no let up in their practice last night at the Horse Show building, and after two hours of hard practice they went home happy, for they realized that they had improved their condition, and had gone one more step toward perfecting their tactics.

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TENNIS CHAMPION

World's finest lady player who, with Miss Hazel Hotchkiss, who ranks second, will tour Canadian Northwest next summer.

VICTRIA BOXER WINNING RENOWN

Local fight fans, who have been here a few years, will remember Jimmy Miles, a sportsman whose headquarters used to be at Esquimalt. He is in Australia and has taken part in a number of bouts in which, without exception, he has been most successful.

An exchange, in an account of one of the matches in which Miles engaged, says: "The boxing contest between Jimmy Miles (of Kurri) and Duke Jennings (of Weston) went the stipulated 20 rounds, but Jennings was a beaten man long before the end. Miles got the verdict and a fair stake in, besides a couple of decent bets that game; 'and what is more, he is a much better man than Jennings,' said a well-known veteran who knows the game; 'and what is more, he is a good liver. He will prove a hard man to beat, no matter who takes him on, and my bit goes on him every time.' Beyond a discolored optic and slightly swollen ear, Miles looked as if he had not been in a long and fast fight. He has won a host of friends on the field, and is of a quiet, easy-going disposition. He is the last man on the field that one would take for a prizefighter, and a genial smile lights up his face when in conversation. It is possible that Whitelaw will be his next mark, but if that fails he will probably proceed to Sydney in quest of other opponents."

VICTORIA'S CHANCE FOR THE TROPHY

Local Fifteen Must Shake Happy-Go-Lucky Style or Suffer Defeat

Victoria 3, Vancouver 9.

Yes, this city's gallant fifteen went down to defeat before the doughty warriors of the mainland in the second match of the McKechnie cup series on Saturday. The margin wasn't great, nor was the superiority of the winners over the defeated marked, but there—what's the good of holding a post mortem over the battle. It is past. Victoria was beaten, and, while the Islanders didn't do so badly—can't avoid a pat or two, you see—the outcome remains the same, and now the Victoria and Vancouver teams are on an even basis in the race for the British Columbia championship.

What's going to be done about it?

The question is directed more particularly at the smiling "Billy" Newcombe. He's the captain. As the Mayor is in civic politics, he is with respect to rugby here. On his stalwart shoulders rests the responsibility. Of course, he doesn't need to take it. A little judicious shifting and his first lieutenants get their share. In turn the latter confer on those who are mere members. That is what is wanted. Let the captain adopt that policy—one of distributing the responsibility of building up a winning fifteen, thus inspiring enthusiasm in every athlete who wears the padded pants occasionally, and there is no doubt that the silverware will change its abode before next summer.

It seems almost impossible to discuss the prospects without harking back to that last match on the mainland. That Victoria was good on the routine of the game is admitted by the mainland press. It is said that the three-quarters ran usefully, that a number of individuals were good in kicking, and that the forwards were not too bad in the scrimmage. Note that there is no remark made that could be accepted as the vaguest kind of an inference that there was brilliancy evinced at any stage. When it is remembered that this is the picture of the engagement as seen through Vancouver's eyes, and, in view of the fact that the score wasn't so awfully one-sided, it is the opinion of the large number of experts who have discussed the matter that there can be but one outcome of the games that remain to take place on local grounds. Victoria, they say, will win, providing—

And right here is the rub. Certain conditions are imposed and it is the consensus of opinion that, unless these are noted and an effort made to fulfill them, the McKechnie cup's home is likely to remain the Terminal City.

1. Enthusiasm and unanimity.
2. Largely attended practices held frequently.
3. The development of team play and the coaching of players to unselfishness.

These are old rules. They are known by every rugger of Victoria but have been forgotten in the careless, happy-go-lucky manner they have got into with respect to the British Columbia series. Yesterday an old player expressed himself to the writer on this matter in the most forcible terms. "For Heaven's sake," he said, "let them go into the competition in earnest or not at all. If the players don't intend carrying the fight through to the bitter end, but only propose using the league as a vehicle for occasionally obtaining amusement, let them quit. At the present time Victoria has sufficient material of the right calibre to knock Vancouver or any fifteen on the Pacific Coast into a cocked hat if they organize properly and inject a little spirit and enthusiasm into the contest."

New what have you got to say!

LANGLEY CHOSEN STROKE OF CREW

Son Victoria's Chief of Police May Occupy Place of Honor

Appointed stroke of the eight-oared crew of the University of Washington which will meet the representatives of the California University next 4th of July, Stanley P. Langley, the eldest son of J. M. Langley, Victoria chief of police, has a chance to distinguish himself in that place of exceptional honor. Although but a freshman, and though having attended college but a few months, Mr. Langley has been placed in that position in the training squad.

The young Victorian, if physique may be taken as an estimate of his ability, is the right person for the position. He is only twenty years of age, stands six feet one inch in his stockings and weighs 187 pounds. Already the U. of W. squad has begun training. The quarters have been donated by the United States government, the life saving station on view at the late Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition and which many must have noted at the foot of the paystreak, being set aside for that purpose.

From this date until the racing season Langley and his associates will be in strict training.

BASKETBALL LEAGUE MEETING TOMORROW

The Victoria Basketball league will meet tomorrow evening when the formal protest submitted by the James Bay team before taking part in last night's match with Victoria West will be considered. This will form a basis for opening the question of the B.C.A.A.U.'s ruling regarding the admission of professionals to amateur ranks in soccer football. The entire situation will be reviewed. If it is found that the league can proceed without difficulty no steps will be taken, but, should it prove that the suspension of soccerites at a wholesale rate will interfere with the association, it is probable that withdrawal from the B.C.A.A.U. will be recommended. This will mean the disbandment of the league and the drafting of a new senior and intermediate series.

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MONEY TIED UP, CITY IS LOSER

Ald. Henderson Complains of Delay in Works and Consequent Loss to City

That the city is losing money to say nothing of the delay in the prosecution of local improvement works, is the contention of Alderman Henderson, who has called the attention of the city council to the number of instances where local improvement works, authorized under bylaws, passed as long ago as three years, are still unfinished. Alderman Henderson points out that in practically all cases but a very little remains to be finished to close up the bylaw and permit of the assessment for the work, but just by reason of this small portion still to be completed the city has not been able to assess those owners benefitted by the works and in consequence there are works completed which, though in use for two years and more, have returned no revenue to the city.

Loss of Interest

Furthermore by such delay the money with which the works were undertaken and which has been borrowed from the bank, has necessitated the city paying interest until such time as the final assessment bylaw could be passed and the cost assessed against the various owners. Until this can be done the city cannot derive any revenue from the new works. As instances of this state of affairs, Alderman Henderson cites Linden avenue, Russell street and Rockland avenue and there are other streets in the same category. As a result a very large sum of money is tied up.

On several occasions Mayor Hall has claimed that this condition of affairs criticized by Alderman Henderson is due to the fact that too many local improvement works have been included in one bylaw. Perhaps all but one of these works will be completed, that one being held up for some unforseen reason. The consequence has been that none could be assessed for until the whole work contemplated under the bylaw has been completed.

To ascertain just how some of the delayed works now stand the city engineer will be asked to bring down a report showing the present state of those works now held up and an effort will be made to close up the work so that the final assessment bylaws can be passed and the owners benefitted by the works assessed.

North Bay Trapper Lost.

NORTH BAY, Dec. 21.—John Main, 20 years old, who worked at the Temiko mills, 25 miles north of North Bay, all summer, left that place 10 days ago to set traps, and has not been seen or heard of since. He is supposed to have gone through an air hole in the ice and been drowned.

Franco-Canadian Treaty.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—The Customs authorities expect that the Franco-Canadian commercial treaty will come into operation on January 1st. Regulations are in course of preparation which will provide that invoices of shipment will have to be accompanied by certificates showing origin of goods in France or in countries indirectly benefited by the treaty.

C. P. R. Revenue.

MONTREAL, Dec. 21.—The controller of the Canadian Pacific Railway gave out a statement today to the effect that the gross revenue of the company for the year 1909, would be $100,000,000, beating Mr. Fielding's estimate for the Dominion by $5,000,000. Of this amount it is stated that eighty five millions will come from the railway, and $15,000,000 from the steamers, hotels, etc.

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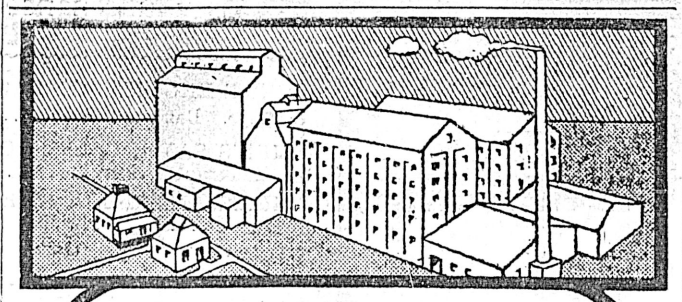

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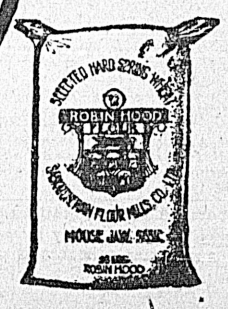

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In the Canadian Courier of December 11th, published in Toronto, are the following words under the heading of "Reflections":

"Canadians hardly realize how prosperous their country is, though they are said to be an optimistic people. This lack of knowledge shows itself in two ways. Comparatively few people know that Canada is making faster progress than any other country in the world; that the records of 1909 have surpassed the records of 1907, the banner year in Canada as in other countries. Because of this incomplete realization, some people are holding back, are talking of the impossibility of maintaining the present high price of real estate, and are generally dubious. Their doubt makes them miss opportunities which wiser men grasp."

These remarks seem so appropriate at the present time in Victoria, at least judging from experiences of my own within the past thirty days, that I cannot refrain from giving them publicity. They may give courage to the man with the money, and cause him to take advantage of opportunity.

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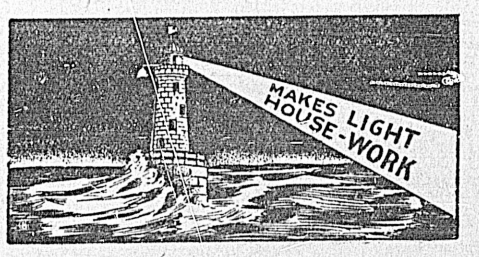

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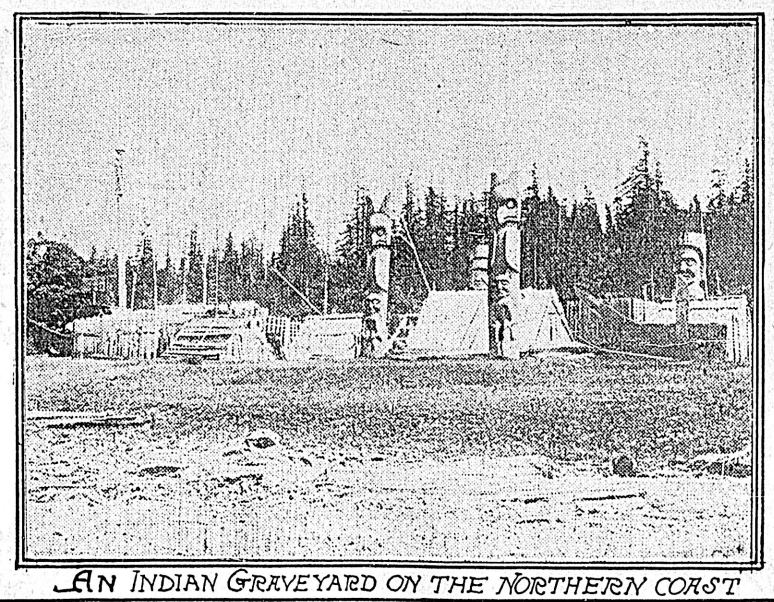

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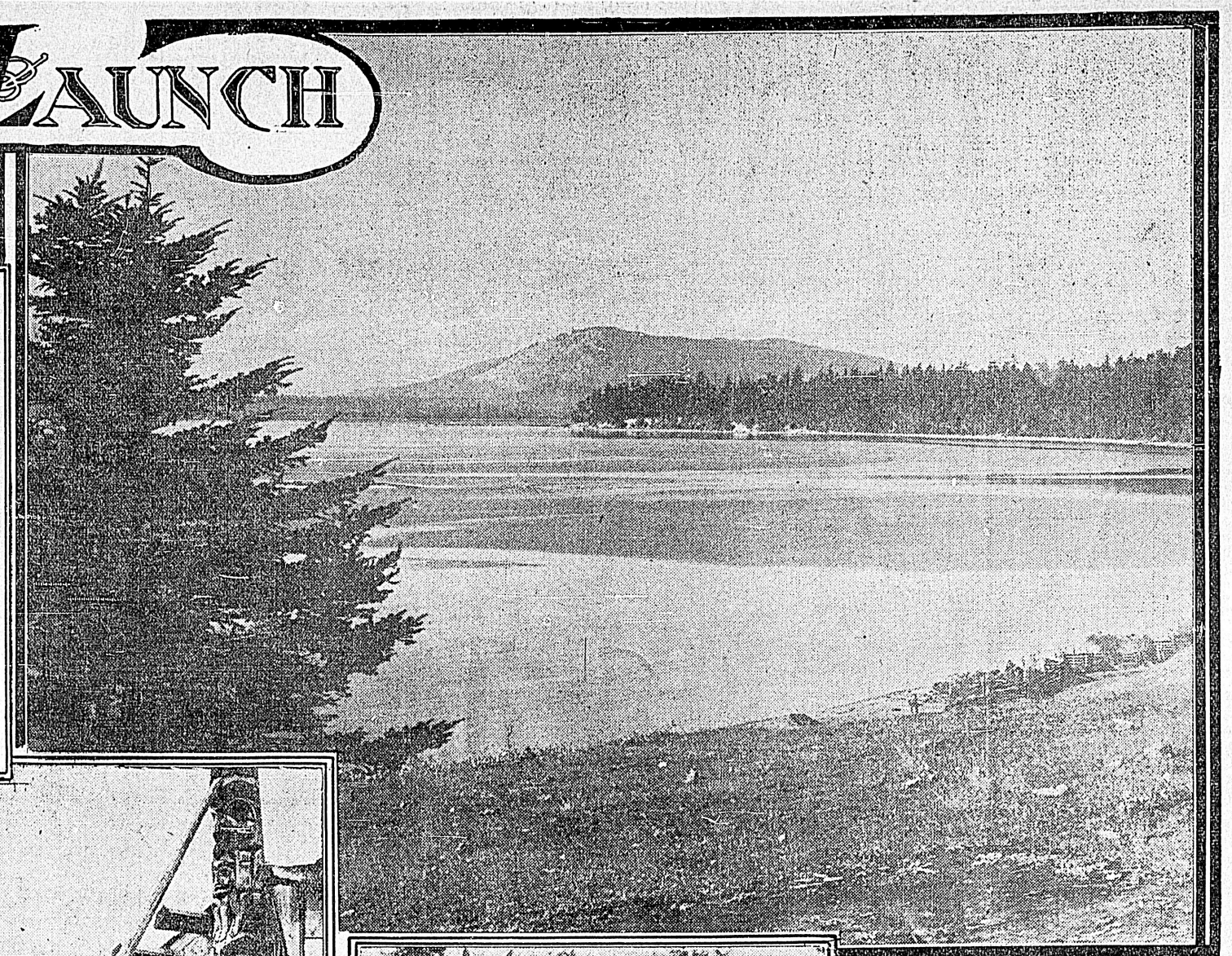

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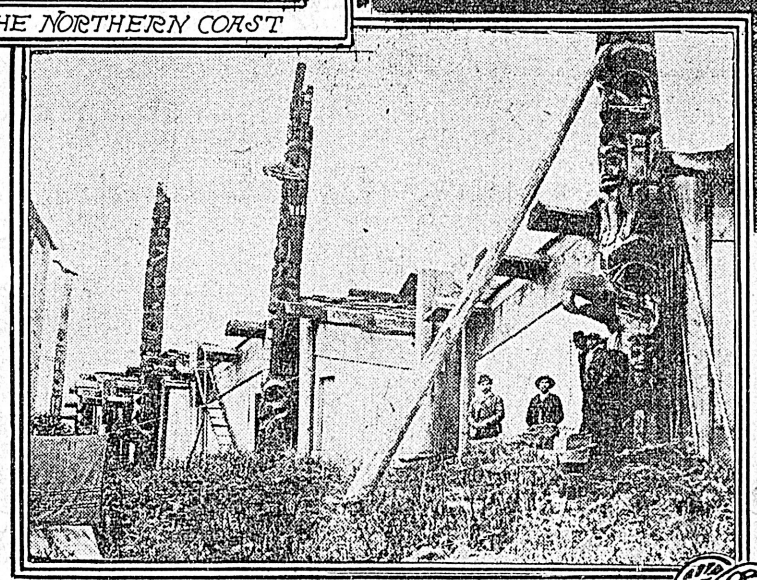

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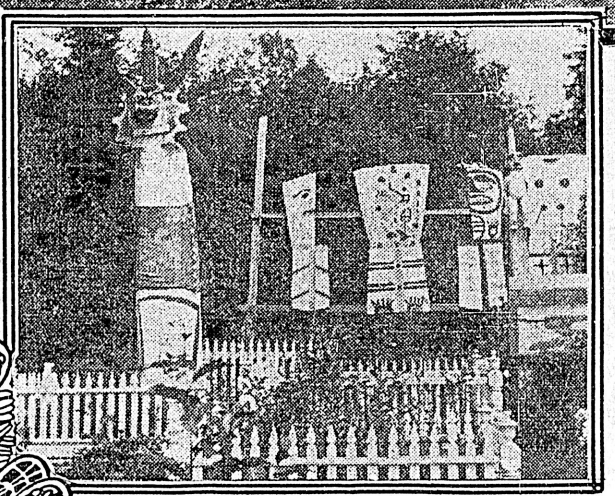
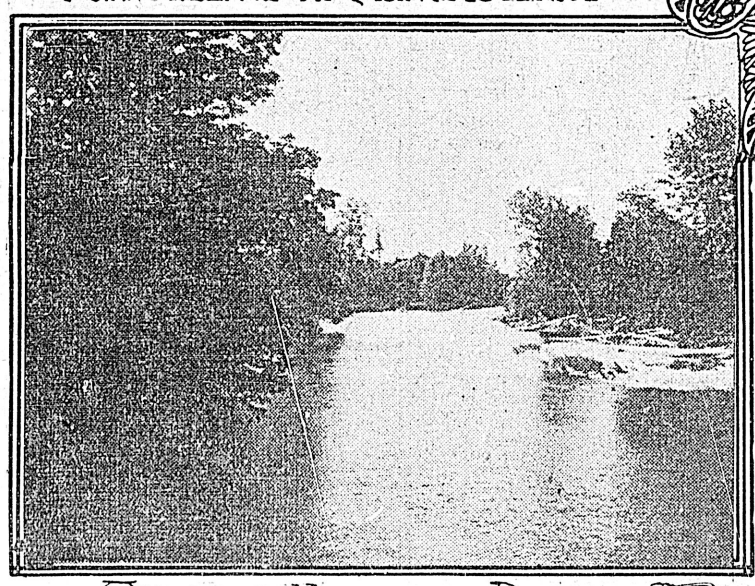


Indian Graveyard at Alert Bay



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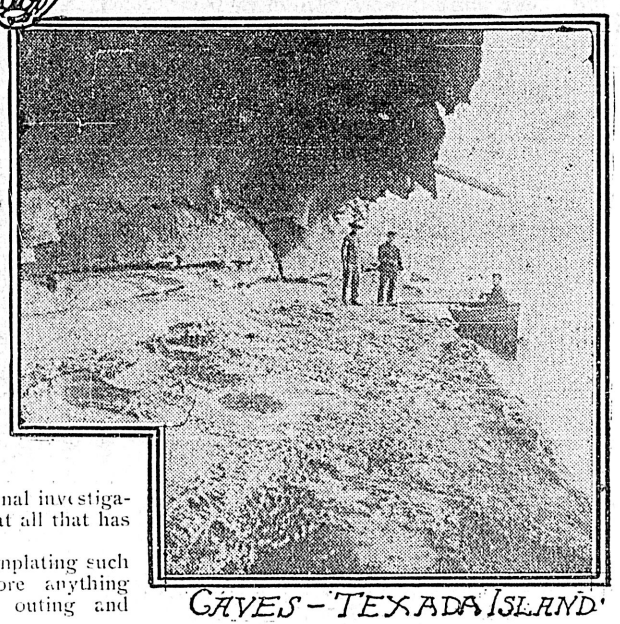

Caves—Texada Island

At a time when the confines of the narrow seas that stretch between Vancouver Island and the Mainland are attracting fleets of the fastest firms in the world, the coasts washed by the straits invite attention.

With a month's vacation, a launch, and a sociable crowd what is the pleasantest entertainment open to Victorians.

Take a cruise along the east coast of Vancouver Island.

There are some who will say, doubtless, that the west coast is the more picturesque, affords greater opportunity for those prone to a study of Indian lore, and offers more amusement in the line of fishing and shooting.

To compare the two outings from the standpoint of the means of whiling away the time they possess would be folly. The fishing on both of the island's coasts cannot be beaten anywhere. The same may be said of the hunting. There is fish and game a'plenty. Both the east coast has one advantage that should not be overlooked by those arranging for an expedition such as that referred to. The waters are so sheltered that it is rarely too rough or stormy to make it impossible for the smallest pleasure craft to ride the seas in safety. In a word, while the west coast, exposed to the vast Pacific, is always more or less dangerous, the protected Gulf of Georgia, dotted with islands innumerable, is almost invariable placid.

To recount in wearisome detail the sights that may be enjoyed in a leisurely trip from Victoria to Cape Scott would be out of place, because the majority of those who will read these lines have either had the experience themselves or have read descriptions of its manifold beauties.

With the growing popularity of the motor boat in Victoria, however, it is probable that more will make the trip hereafter than in the past. That such will be the case is a certainty, because the attractions of the Gulf have been heralded afar in the advertising matter circulated through the medium of the Victoria Tourist Association and the Vancouver Island Development League. If those living on the other side of the continent haven't heard of it it isn't the fault of those interested in the boosting of this section of Canada as an unrivalled tourist resort, and should there be any benighted citizens who haven't learned of the beauties that lie at their door, it is sufficient to say that the sooner they wake up the better for them and for the community. Therefore with the call of the west coast waters, its tiny islets, the mysteries of its wilds and the fascination of its trout, salmon and big and feathered game ringing in all ears, and with the launches necessary available, there is no doubt that large numbers of parties will select this method of spending the summer holidays of 1910.

Nor will Victorians be the only ones to set out on expeditions of the kind. The news of its charm having gone abroad it is a safe prediction that there will be yachtsmen over from the other side of the line, from different parts of the United States and Canada, for the express purpose of making a personal investigation, of satisfying themselves that all that has been said is true.

Most of those who are contemplating such a trip will ask themselves before anything else: How will we arrange our outing and from where will we set out?

These two questions, if propounded to a number of local boatmen who have engaged in the business of providing launches, outfitting the expedition, planning a route et al., it wont be long before the curious one is furnished a satisfactory reply. They know where there is the best fishing and they know what kind of flies should be used at certain places at different seasons. If the shooting season chance to be in they can tell when the grouse abound, and should the inquirer be of a more ambitious calibre, they can inform him where are to be found elk, bear and also the other denizens of the North American jungle. In short, these guides are walking encyclopaedias on this subject. It costs nothing to obtain the information. After that—well, that's another issue.

Yes, there's always the expense. But when what is at stake is an outing of this kind no doubt the average Victorian or visitor will find himself in the spirit of the man who said with emphasis: "hang the expense, let's purchase a ha'pennyworth of gum." The instances are scarcely parallel, but the principle is the same. And really it doesn't matter whether a guide is employed or whether the trip is undertaken at the initiative and under the control of those concerned—it costs money.

Who can imagine anything more delightful than a week's sailing among the Gulf islands, over calm waters and under blue skies? Nothing to worry about but the establishment of a rough camp at some ideal out-of-the-way spot on an island or on the sea-shores of the Mainland—anywhere where the fancy inclines so long as there is a spring near-by and there is plenty of wood for the camp fire. And then the delight of exploring the narrow channels separating the innumerable islets, the awe-inspiring sensation of invading a cave where accident discloses the skulls and skeletons of Indian braves who lived, perhaps, before the first Hudson's Bay post was founded in the North Pacific. Added to all this the bliss of strolling aimlessly up a swift flowing stream, rod in hand and creel swung over shoulder in search of a cool and deep pool where fish abound.

PROVINCIAL HAPPENINGS

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works of Alberta, for $14,734 was settled out of court by the payment in full of the claim together with $600 costs. Mr. Cushing also agrees to pay his own costs. In November, 1907, the defendant bought plaintiff's cut of lumber, amounting to 1,500,000 feet. He took all but 800,000 and was sued by Mr. Winlaw for payment for this balance at the rate of $16 per thousand, making $13,142, together with insurance, $250, and $1,342 interest. By the settlement Mr. Cushing pays the full claim and costs amounting to $600 in addition.

The Local Option Vote

Dr. Spencer, of the Local Option league, reports still seven places to be heard from and complete reports to be received from others. The figures in favor of local option have improved during the week. The Okanagan has 15 votes short of the 50 per cent, but it has 152 spoiled ballots, many of which are "for" local option. Grand Forks had a majority at every polling booth and 75 to spare over the 50 per cent. Rossland's final is 50 per cent and 3 to spare. Quite a number of places had no local option ballots at all. This fact with the many spoiled ballots in favor and some other irregularities to be looked into, are held to indicate that the local option vote is nearly if not over the line required. Dr. Spencer hopes by December 30 to be able to announce the final result.

King of Cougars Killed.

The largest cougar ever killed in Westminster district was taken last week by G. T. Ward, an old timer in the Harrison river and Lake country. The beast measured eight feet, six inches from muzzle to tip of tail and weighed over 200 pounds. The cougar was caught in a trap and was only killed after a desperate fight. When Ward found the beast it was securely fastened in the jaws of a small steel trap which had been set to catch mink. The cougar was full of fight and showed it when Ward approached the trap, club in hand, with the intention of dispatching the brute. Ward attempted to kill him with his club but found the cougar so dangerous that he had to send home for a rifle.

Vancouverite's Lucky Escape.

Passengers arriving in New Westminster from the east on Monday night report the miraculous escape from death of a Vancouver woman who was a passenger on C.P.R. express No. 96 from Vancouver, and who fell off the moving train just east of Harrison River station. The victim was Mrs. Tubbs, said to reside on Granville street. While she was passing from the dining car to a sleeper she lost her balance in the vestibule and fell from the train. Her disappearance was observed and the train stopped and backed up, the woman being found alongside the track in a dazed condition. It was discovered that she had been severely bruised about the head and had sustained a severe shock from the force of her fall. The train was not moving at high speed when the accident occurred. Mrs. Tubbs was transferred to express No. 1 and returned to Vancouver last night.

CLOSE CALL FOR FARQUHAR

Fraser River Tugboat and Crew Narrowly Escape Destruction by Fire.

The crew of the steamer Farquhar had a narrow escape from serious disaster Monday night, and the boat itself came near total destruction as the result of a fire which started in the coal bunkers yesterday morning about 5.30 and made good progress before being detecte by the mate who awakened in time to raise the alarm. The crew rushed to the pumps but found that they could not cope with the blaze, so an alarm was sent in to No. 1 hall, New Westminster. There were thirty tons of coal in the bunkers and before the fire could be quenched it was necessary to flood the boat over the coal, putting all the water into the hull that the steamer would carry without swamping. The fire caught in the bunkers from an overheated boiler. Until all the water has been pumped out, it is impossible to estimate the damage. The Farquhar is a tidy little tug valued at $15,000 and belonging to the Brooks-Scanlon O'Brien company. She had taken a tow of logs up to the Fraser River mills, and had tied up at the wharf waiting for the fog to lift.

MET DEATH IN THE FOG

James S. Hurst the Latest Victim of Carelessness in Walking Tramway Track.

James S. Hurst, a Vancouver accountant, was struck by a Pender-Powell car Monday evening and received injuries as the result of which he died shortly afterwards. The motorman of the car causing the accident states that the weather was very foggy. He had stopped his car at Bute street to let off a passenger and his controller was turned only to half speed, the car being at a headway of between five and six miles per hour. Suddenly the face of a man appeared just abreast of his fender and alongside the track. The man's clothing was dark and in the fog the motorman had not seen him previously nor does he think he would have noticed him at all had it not been for his turning. Promptly the motorman clanged his bell and did all in his power to stop the car, but it struck the man heavily, throwing him to the side of the track. The car stopped almost within its own length and the crew went back. Hurst was still living, but apparently in a very serious condition, the left side of his face being crushed and his left leg broken, the forward end of the car body having evidently struck him. Medical aid was summoned and the ambulance called for, but the man died just as the ambulance arrived. From the story told by the motorman it is conjectured that Mr. Hurst was either walking along the side of the track or crossing the street at the point and did not hear the approaching car until it was close upon him. Hurst was 64 years of age and leaves a wife and one child.

TRAGEDY AT CHILLIWACK

Explosion of Thawing Stumping Powder Brings Horrible Death to Native Girl.

A gruesome sight met Dr. McCaffrey as he answered a call to one of the construction camps at Sumas last Saturday, to attend a patient burned almost to a crisp through the ignition of stumping powder and the burning of a shack of one of the workers on the right-of-way of the B. C. E. R. An Indian by the name of Davis Peter, of Hope, has a contract for clearing a section of the right-of-way back of Sardis, and was working on the line through Chas. Evans' property. He had built a small shack of cedar and lined it with tar building paper, for the accommodation of himself and family while on the contract. During the cold spell the stumping powder with which he was blowing out stumps and roots became frozen, and he had taken a dozen sticks of it and placed them behind the stove to thaw out. The shack being only a 10x12 and the stumping powder very combustible, and exploding, instantly the tar paper and the whole interior of the dwelling was a seething mass of flames. The inmates of the place were able to get out without injury to themselves, with the exception of a daughter, who was acting as housekeeper and cook for the party. This unfortunate young woman became hemmed in by the flames and before she could be rescued her clothing and the flesh on her arms and body were burned almost to a crisp. Dr. McCaffery was immediately telephoned for, but no earthly aid could save the life of the unfortunate creature, and she died in a few hours.

WOUNDED IN THE HEEL

Classic Suggestiveness Does Not Appeal to Vancouver Hold-Up Man's Victim.

Holdup men on Monday night fired on Archibald Mitchell of 917 Keefer street, Vancouver, and shot away a portion of his right heel as he fled, after being commanded to hold up his hands. Mitchell was going home at about 11 o'clock, and had arrived at the corner of Hastings street and Jackson avenue. It was very foggy and he could not see plainly before him. He was going slowly but suddenly was brought to a full stop by the gruff command to "stick his hands up." Instead of obeying he turned and ran. A shot rang out and for an instant he thought he was wounded for he felt something strike him on the shoe. He did not stop, however, until he arrived at police headquarters. Investigation showed that a clean hole was shot through one of the heels of his boots. Mitchell was unable to describe the holdup men, of whom there were three, all armed with revolvers and masked. One wore an overcoat.

A few minutes after Mitchell reported to the police, R. Barrett, of 879 Hastings street called up that he had heard one shot fired, and on looking out of his front window saw three men run past. One was particularly noticeable on account of his bow-legs and shortness. The other two were large men who took great strides in running but the bow-legged one beat the sidewalk about twice as fast as his longer pals. All the detectives on duty immediately were put on the trail but found no suspicious characters. For the balance of the night the officers hunted unsuccessfully.

A stable owned by the Globe Paint Co. at 441 Hastings street east was broken into Monday night and a horse and buggy stolen. Yesterday the buggy was found far out on Hastings street and a short time afterwards the horse, unhitched but with the harness on, was found. It is thought possible the outfit was stolen by the three men who held up Mitchell, and used in putting distance between themselves and the pursuing detectives.

THE MERCHANTS' BANK

REPORT OF THE 46th ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

The annual general meeting of the Shareholders of the Merchants' Bank of Canada was held on Wednesday, December 15th, at the head offices, 205 St. James street, Montreal. The chair was taken at noon by Sir H. Montagu Allan, the President.

Mr. J. M. Kilbourn, Secretary of the Bank, was appointed Secretary of the meeting, and read the notice calling the meeting.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were taken as read, after which the President presented the report of the Directors, as follows:—

THE DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The Directors have pleasure in submitting the report of the Merchants' Bank of Canada covering the year's business up to the close of books on 30th November, for the information and approval of the shareholders.

The net profits amount to $831,159.57, equal to 13.85 per cent. upon the capital, as against $738,597.19 or 12.30 per cent for the previous year. We hope you will consider this a good return, and from present indications we feel safe in saying that the outlook is promising for equally good results covering the next twelve months. We are loath, however, to predict, for we all know how easily it may turn out otherwise, so many factors come into the calculation.

The past year's earnings, have been dealt with as follows:—After paying the usual dividend at the rate of 8 per cent. we have written down our bank premises $100,000, and credited $50,000 to the Officers' Pension Fund, leaving a balance to be dealt with of $201,159.57. This sum, added to the amount brought forward, enables us to add $500,000 to the Reserve Fund, making it 75 per cent of the capital, and to carry forward a balance in the Profit and Loss Account of $102,157.51.

All the branches of the Bank have been inspected during the year. We have opened fourteen offices, namely, St. Eugene, Ont.; Ste. Agathe, P. Q.; Unity and Kisbey, Saskatchewan; Castor, Mannville, Viking, Acme, Trochu, Killam and Okotoks, Alberta; Nanaimo, New Westminster and Sidney, B. C. We have also opened four sub-agencies, viz., Meadowvale and Muirkirk, Ont.; Strome and Botha, Alta. We have closed the Fort Saskatchewan Office.

We are asking you to authorize us to apply to the Dominion Government for power to increase the capital stock of the Bank by issuing, at a convenient time, 40,000 new shares, equal to $4,000,000. We are not proposing to issue this stock now, but think it desirable in your interest to take the necessary power.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. MONTAGU ALLAN,
President.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Statement of the Result of the Business of the Bank for the Year ending 30th November, 1909.

The Net Profits of the year, after payment of charges, rebate on discounts, interest on deposits, and making full provision for bad and doubtful debts, have amounted to.....		$ 831,159.57
The balance brought forward from 30th November, 1908, was..		400,997.94
Making a total of		$ 1,232,157.51
This has been disposed of as follows:		
Dividend No. 86, at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum	$120,000.00	
Dividend No. 87, at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum	120,000.00	
Dividend No. 88, at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum	120,000.00	
Dividend No. 89, at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum	120,000.00	
		$480,000.00
Transferred to Reserve Fund		500,000.00
Written off Bank Premises Account		100,000.00
Contribution to Officers' Pension Fund		50,000.00
Balance carried forward		102,157.51
		$1,232,157.51

THE STATEMENT.

The Statement of Liabilities and Assets at 30th November, 1909, was read as follows:

LIABILITIES.

		1909.	1908.
1. To the Public.			
Notes in Circulation		$ 5,541,700.00	$84,740,478.00
Deposits at Call	$19,220,454.53		12,514,562.52
Deposits subject to notice (accrued interest to date included)..	28,987,961.64		25,880,153.87
Deposits by other Banks in Canada	1,263,178.76		2,933,156.29
		49,471,594.93	
Balance due to Agents in Great Britain.....		711,330.93	8,412.15
Balance due to Agents in the United States and elsewhere		352,661.33	
Dividend No. 89		120,000.00	120,000.00
Dividends unclaimed		707.00	865.00
		$56,197,994.19	$46,197,627.83
2. To the Stockholders.			
Capital Paid up	$6,000,000.00		6,000,000.00
Reserve Fund	4,500,000.00		4,000,000.00
Balance of Profits carried forward..	102,157.51		400,997.94
		10,602,157.51	
		$66,800,151.70	$56,598,625.77

ASSETS.

Gold and Silver Coin on hand		$ 1,588,652.57	$ 1,569,822.58
Dominion Notes on hand		3,777,988.50	3,013,220.00
Notes and Cheques of other Banks		3,223,191.96	2,276,482.88
Balances due by other Banks in Canada.....		7,326.61	4,796.95
Balances due Banks and Agents in the United States		149,854.10	12,625.78
Call and Short Loans on Bonds and Stocks in Canada	$3,863,775.42		1,957,782.71
Call and Short Loans on Bonds and Stocks elsewhere than in Canada	9,504,602.87		8,958,351.07
		13,368,378.29	
Domir on and Provincial Government Securities		699,144.81	609,071.56
Municipal, Railway and other Debentures		5,835,529.08	6,344,224.22
		$28,650,065.92	$24,746,377.75
Time Loans on Bonds and Stocks in United States	$1,371,804.71		
Current Loans and Discounts (less Rebate of Interest Reserved)	34,819,043.68		
		36,190,938.39	29,793,622.31
Loans to other Banks, secured		337,617.87	486,889.89
Loans and Discounts overdue (loss fully provided for)		31,418.52	86,798.01
Deposit with Dominion Government for security of Note Circulation		240,000.00	240,000.00
Mortgages and other Securities, the property of the Bank		48,134.87	53,794.88
Real Estate		40,794.44	49,368.69
Bank Premises and Furniture		1,227,047.39	1,118,685.03
Other Assets		34,134.30	17,089.21
		$66,800,151.70	$56,598,625.77

The President—You will see from this that the figures in the Statement are clearly shown, with last year's figures introduced to form a basis for comparison and show the progress of the Bank during the year just ended. Before the motion for the adoption of the report is put, I shall be very glad to answer any questions any of the stockholders may wish to ask.

Mr. Thomas Long—I think the stockholders would like to have the General Manager say a few words in connection with this statement.

GENERAL MANAGER'S ADDRESS

Mr. Hedden, Genral Manager of the Bank, then made his annual address.

It was then moved by the President, seconded by the Vice-President, that the report of the Directors as submitted be, and the same is, hereby adopted and ordered to be printed for distribution amongst the shareholders Carried unanimously.

THE CAPITAL STOCK.

It was also moved by the President, seconded by the Vice-President, that:

"Inasmuch as it is expedient that the capital stock of the Bank should be increased from six million dollars to ten millions dollars, that for that purpose the following by-law be, and the same is, hereby adopted as by-law No. X. (Ten) of the by-laws of the Bank:

BY-LAW NO. X.

"The capital stock of the Bank is hereby increased from six million dollars to ten million dollars by the creation of forty thousand new shares of the par value of one hundred dollars each."

The resolution was unanimoulsy adopted.

THE DIRECTORS.

It was moved by Mr. A. Haig Sims, seconded by Mr. M. S. Foley, that Messrs. C. R. Black and D. Kinghorn be appointed Scrutineers for the election of Directors about to take place, and that they proceed to take votes immediately; that the ballot shall close at three P. M., but if an interval of ten minutes elapse without a vote being tendered the ballot shall close immediately. Carried.

Moved by Mr. A. Piddington, seconded by Mr. G. Durnford, that the Scrutineers cast one ballot in favor of the following persons as Directors:—

Sir H. MONTAGU ALLAN,
Mr. JONATHAN HODGSON,
Mr. THOMAS LONG,
Mr. C. F. SMITH,
Mr. HUGH A. ALLAN,
Mr. C. M. HAYS,
Mr. ALEX. BARNET,
Mr. F. ORR LEWIS,
Mr. K. W. BLACKWELL.

This was unanimously adopted, and the Scrutineers accordingly reported that the old Board of Directors had been unanimously re-elected.

The President—Gentlemen, you have heard the result of the election of Directors. This ends the business of the meeting, and all that remains for me to do is to thank you for your attendance.

VOTES OF THANKS.

It was then moved by Mr. A. Haig Sims, seconded by Mr. G. F. C. Smith, that a vote of thanks be tendered the President and Directors for their able services during the past year. Also that a vote of thanks be tendered the General Manager, Mr. Hebden, and his staff for the loyal manner in which they have worked to further the interests of the Bank. (Hear, hear.)

This motion was unanimously carried, with applause.

The meeting then adjourned.

At a subsequent special meeting of the Board of Directors the following officers were re-elected:—President, Sir H. Montagu Allan; vice-president, Mr. Jonathan Hodgson.

COMMENTS UPON CANADIAN GAME

What Prominent American Writer Thinks of Football Played in Dominion

Since the Ottawa and Hamilton Canadian Rugby teams played at New York there has been a chorus of approval and disapproval of the way in which football is interpreted on this side of the line. The exhibition was given on the invitation of the New York Herald for the purpose of giving those agitating for a less dangerous game in America an opportunity to obtain some suggestions for improvement. Of course there has followed widespread debate. In the main the press and the critics appear to approve the adoption of a style of game much similar to that in vogue in the Dominion.

Here is an interesting account and running commentary on the game which will be read by enthusiasts in this city with attention:

Probably two hundred prominent football experts, coaches and former college stars accepted the New York Herald's invitation to view a demonstration of Canadian Rugby at Van Cortlandt Park on Saturday afternoon, in which the Hamilton Tigers defeated the Ottawa Rough Riders by 11 to 6.

There were nearly 15,000 spectators around the roped-off field of play. The teams were brought over from Canada to show us their game, and to see if we could gain any points in lessening the danger of the American brand of goods which is at present played at our colleges.

The exhibition was interesting, but as a whole dose Canadian Rugby will not do for us.

It is not brutal enough.

Some simpleton on the sidelines was "guying" the teams for their lack of wicked, vicious tackling and making sundry remarks about the game being a kind of pink tea soiree.

One of the Canadian substitutes turned around and replied:

"It may look a tame game to you, but we have no Earle Wilson case or a list of thirty sacrificed on the football field this season."

The answer was timely, and hit the nail squarely on the head.

Teams Train Differently.

We want football, but we also want it with the danger minimized. No sport is worth bearing the name unless it has a certain element of danger. Take away that element from any game and it will die of inanition.

The match on Saturday differed from ours in many respects outside of the rules. Unfortunately we did not see the best sample of it.

The captains of both teams admitted that their men had broken training three weeks ago. As a result their play was uncertain. There was a deal of fumbling, poor tackling, and uncertin manoeuvring, and it led many to remark that it looked like a loosely played game between two minor United States college teams.

THE SPRINTS AT LAST.

The next Empress Club events, open only to members, will be a series of meets providing for 100, 220 and 440 yard races. The runner making the most points will be adjudged the winner, three being allowed for a win, two for a second, and one for a third place. The prizes for the contests will be suitable cups, which will be donated.

I asked a Canadian, who was standing next to me, what this training consisted of. Principally the abstinence from smoking, late hours and alcoholic drink, was the reply. Of course, the two teams playing were not college fourteens.

Much to Learn From Game.

I suggested that the preparations of the university teams for their big annual game, which compared to our Yale-Harvard match, surely would be more rigorous. My informant assured me they were, but nothing compared to ours.

"You train your football players at college the way we train prizefighters over in Canada—while you develop strength and beef we try to harden them, and more than anything, improve their wind."

Of course, I did not agree with him, but there was a whole lot of truth in his remarks.

Delays Were Few.

It was observed that, although the teams were not in the best of condition, there were few injuries in the 60 minutes of play. I believe two men were relieved by substitutes, and they were only suffering from light strains or getting accidentally "hacked" by an opponent.

There was no trying to patch the players up on the field while the doctors held a consultation, nor was it found necessary, as was often the case last season, to send for an ambulance. The injured player was rushed right off the field and the substitute went on instantly.

This did not fail to make an impression on the solons that were present, and it is more than likely some change in the rules in this respect will be made at the coming meeting of the committee.

When the football rulers meet they will have many important points to consider. The rules must be revised, certain plays have to be eliminated and others modified. The dangers of the game must be lessened.

If the forward pass interference for runners, or mass plays are the cause of accidents and deaths on the gridiron, then in the name of humanity cut them out and let American football be a game that when foreigners visit us and see it played, they do not have to hold up their hands in holy horror and say, "Isn't it brutal!"

Knockouts at Vancouver

VANCOUVER, Dec. 21.—Tom Burke, Vancouver's fighting fireman, knocked out Josh Doherty, Australian middleweight, in the third round of a scheduled 15-round fight. Doherty was outclassed all the way. In the preliminary, Ed. Gardner knocked out Ed. Welch, an Australian middleweight in the first round after twenty-eight seconds fighting.

George Spton who was defeated by Demarest in the final championship billiard match contemplates challenging for the title.

The James Bay lads are just as reluctant as their brother sportsmen to retire from the basketball series owing to the difficulty over professionalists. This was shown in the attitude they adopted on Monday night when, by filing a formal protest against the so-called pros with Victoria West, they were able to fill their engagement with propriety.

It must be a bitter pill for the Y. M. C. A. officials to see some of their best athletes threatening to quit them of the Union's amateur ruling. "Bob" of the Union's amaeur ruling. "Bob' Whyte and a number of old standby basketball men are going out of the club and will play on their own account if there isn't some compromise of the trouble. And then there is Kelsey the long distant runner who has joined the Empres Athletic club. This difficulty is hitting the Y.M.C.A. harder than any local institution.

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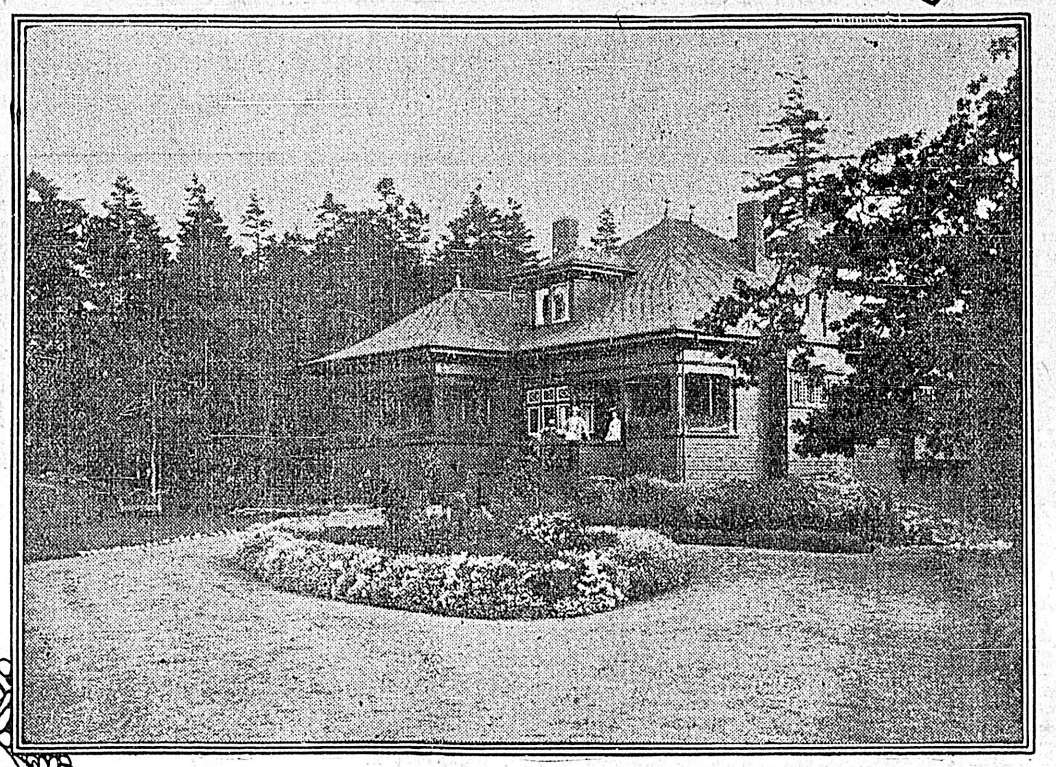
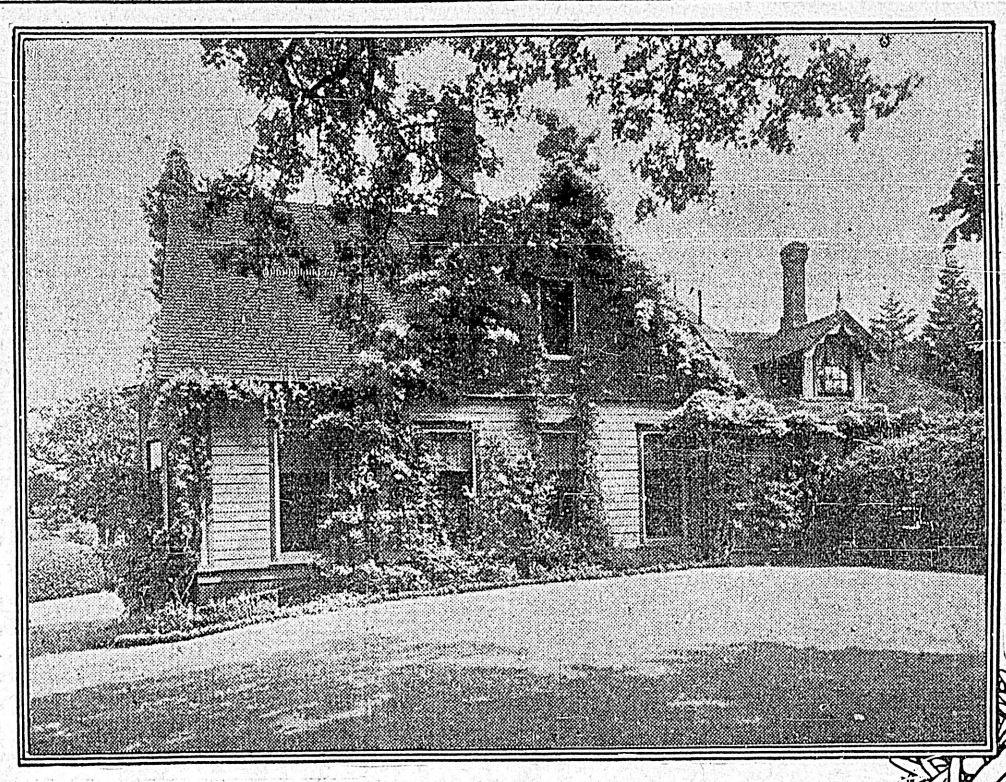
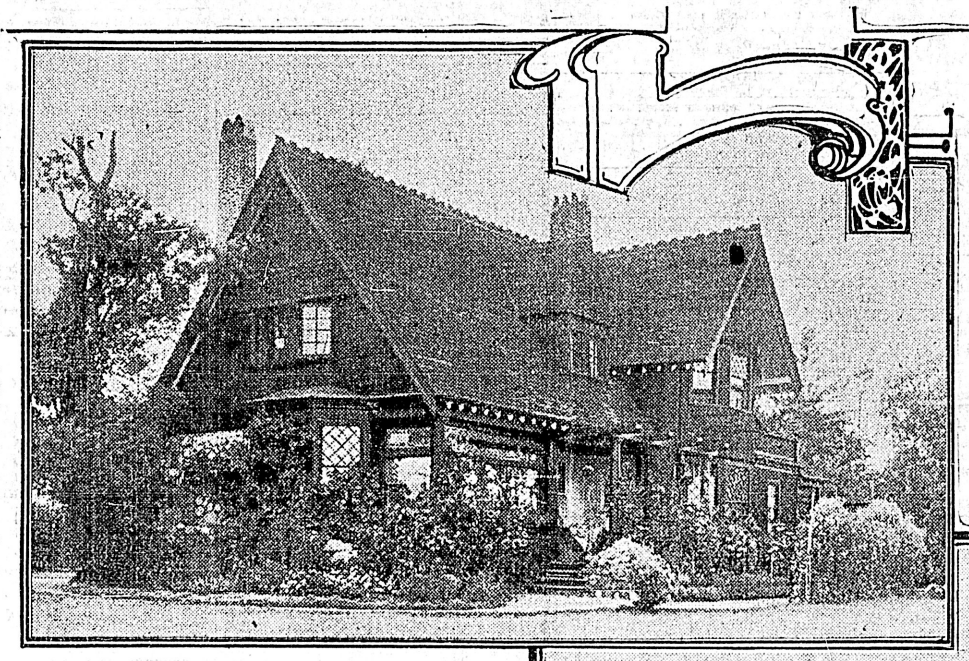
PICTURESQUE VICTORIA HOMES







Victoria is a city of homes.

The remark is a hackneyed one and yet it is true. Other cities have made their boast and other cities have numerous dwellings of beauty, grace of stateliness, but it is doubtful if any city has to the same degree residences which are so eminently "liveable in" as has the Capital City of the province of B. C.

To the easterners the fact that wood predominates in the construction of houses appears strange, but after a time he perceives that this is only another tribute to Victoria's equable climate.

Montreal is a city of stone, Toronto is a city of brick, and Winnipeg a city of brick, stone and concrete, but Victoria is the only city that can boast of houses habitable at all seasons and yet of wood.

The style of Victoria houses is changing as the years go by. It is a process of development which is not peculiar to Victoria alone. The wooden house of Canada of twenty-five years ago was the ugliest known to man. Where it was plain it was homely, and where the architect or the carpenter had given his fancy free rein it was positively hideous.

Of course tastes change with the season. There is no doubt that the pioneers thought that the ornate domiciles of those days were all that the heart could desire, and so when the statement is made that they were the height of bad taste, that the system of cutting them up to make it possible to adorn the exterior with all manner of fantastic designs was a foolish waste of space and money, it must be remembered that the judgment is being passed in the light of the evolution that has since taken place. Who would exchange the handsome structures of the present date with what were deemed the most artistic homes of fifty years ago? Few, if any, will say that they prefer what has been to what is.

Of all the Canadian cities of this date Victoria stands out as being among the most comfortable, the mort artistic, and withal, homes which give best evidence of obtaining the most possible for the outlay involved. And the reason for this in the first place is that British Columbia's capital admittedly enjoys a more even climate than even those centres on the Mainland within eighty miles to the north or south. Advertised as the home city of the west there have been attracted large numbers of the wealthy classes of the continent. This fact, in conjunction with the oft-quoted declaration that this city is one of the richest centres pro rata of the Dominion, probably accounts for the self-evident fact that Victoria has developed into a city of homes.

Within the past five years this has become most marked. If the statement should be doubted all that is necessary to convince the skeptic is to take an hour or so off and stroll through the residential sections. After doing so it is a safe prediction that he will return to his office more than ever enamored with the place wherein his lot is thrown and more than willing to admit the correctness of the claim made in behalf of his home community.

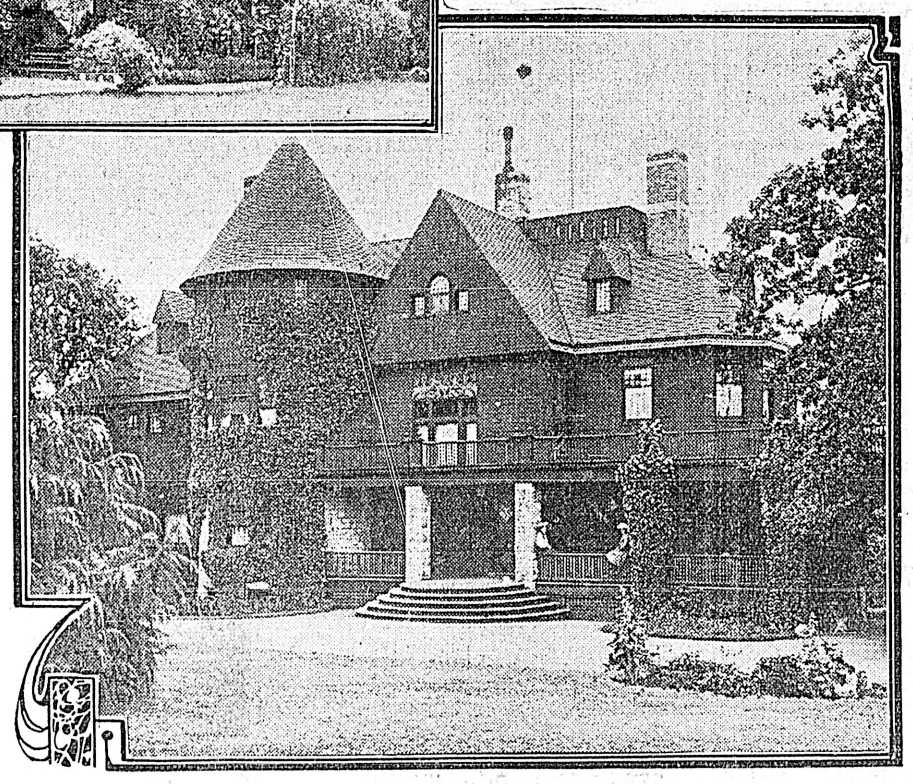
There is an infinite variety in the architectural design of Victoria's homes. Its age renders it possible to compare without going further the old style houses, which have been referred to as homely, with the modern bungalow, the more stately stone-fronted mansion and some of the palaces which are to be found sitting in spacious grounds along Rockland avenue.

Right here it is possible to pass judgment between the old-fashioned cottage and the petite, rose-covered, shingle-walled home generally known as a bungalow. The latter, in late years, have become exceedingly popular. It is to be found in predominating numbers throughout the districts which, until a short time ago, were but vast uninhabitable tracts, which with the marked increases in the city's population have been sub-divided, sold, and taken up by newcomers.

Perhaps the best directions to go to find these new buildings is towards the south through the Fairfield estate, or to the north throughout the North Ward. In that vicinity there are a number of villages that have sprung into living with mushroom rapidity. That referred to in particular is the section in the neighborhood of the new park. Here much property has been taken up and in almost every instance it has been covered with beautiful little houses, many of them of the bungalow type, in which the artistic has been combined with the useful, the building has been as little cut up as possible, and at the same time the exterior view has been made exceedingly attractive.

These little groups of new homes are not alone to be placed in the districts referred to. They are everywhere. It matters not where the citizen or the newcomer goes he will find them. They aren't expensive—in fact they are within the reach of the average workingman and yet they are not of that offensive ugliness which in the past was almost invariable inseparable from the home of those without plenty of money to spend, and it must be admitted, was found in some of those structures built only at great cost.

But Victoria's pride as a home city lies not only in its possession of so many charming small homes. It has as well some of the finest mansions anywhere in the Dominion. Is it necessary to specify? If so, take a look at those which dot the banks of the Gorge, at those, as stated, which beautify Rockland Ave. and which have given that thoroughfare a reputation on the Pacific coast. If it is required that individual cases be referred to there are a few which are worthy of special attention. There is the fascinating home of Architect McClure, the charming domicile of J. J. Shallcross, the stately palace of the late Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir, and "Burleith," the residence, until quite recently, of Hon. James Dunsmuir



CHICKEN VS. HORSE

The greatest trotter in the world, for his time, was being sold at auction, says Ainslee's Magazine. He was finally knocked down to a local millionaire for $26,000. The purchaser strolled out of the ring and over to a lunch counter where he ordered a chicken sandwich. The attendant sliced off a postage stamp wafer of chicken and inserted it between two slices of bread. The horseman passed over a dollar, and the attendant nonchalantly handed back a half. The horseman looked at the change with a puzzled gaze for a few moments and then pushed it back with the remark:

"I will bet you.'

"Bet me what?" asked the attendant.

"The half dollar."

"On what?"

"I'll bet you that the chicken brings more than the horse I just bought."

PLENTY OF PURPOSE

"I have here a poem."

"Is it a poem of any serious purpose?" inquired the editor of the Highbrow Magazine.

"Yes, sir; it was written to pay a wash bill with."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

RICH GOLD ORE IN NEW ONTARIO

Discoveries Along Line of Government Railway Causes Sensation

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—The commissioners of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario railway this morning received a report of some startling gold discoveries in the north, along the line of railway.

Some time ago indications were found of the existence of gold, and Mining Engineer Cole, who is one of the best recognized authorities on such matters, was sent to investigate. His report is a glowing one. Some claims are held at $100,000.

The township in which rich gold-bearing ore, and even gold in the free-state, are found, are Whitney, Tisdale, Mountjoy, Shaw and one or two others, and extending down into the Temagami district.

What is known as Porcupine camp promises to be one of the richest in America. Land in these townships is held very largely by veterans. Some of the veins located have been traced for a long distance. They range from 25 to 75 feet in width, and are very rich.

BRANDS COOK AS IMPOSTER

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said tonight: "On the way back to the east I asked the doctor in so many words what he would do if the University of Copenhagen found against him.

"'I have not thought of that,' answered the doctor.

"'But you must think of it,' I said. 'A situation of this importance must be considered from every angle.'

"'Well,' answered the doctor, 'if the university should find against me, I believe I should go back among the Eskimos of Southern Greenland and try to carry on there such a medical mission as Dr. Grenfell has made famous.'

"The doctor did not say what would become of his wife and children."

Henry Wellington Wack, Dr. Cook's lawyer and the friend who is the authority for the statement above, were asked tonight about how much money they thought Dr. Cook had made from the sale of his narrative to newspapers in this country and abroad and from his lectures. "More than $60,000," said Mr. Wack. "More than $100,000," said the friend. Both agreed that should the doctor elect to spend the remainder of his days in retirement he need never want for comfort. The board of aldermen who voted the doctor the freedom of the city on his return have now before them a resolution to withdraw the grant.

CANNOT LEVY ON MEMBERS

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Sir Edward Grey and the Duke of Northumberland also got into a conflict over the use of the King's name. The Duke accused the minister of wanting in respect to the crown and not having a proper sense of decency in saying something which none of his (Grey's) forerunners would have said.

Sir Edward Grey's reply is as follows: "The crown is recognized as occupying a perfectly well understood position at the head of our constitution, of which it is an integral part. When any reference is made to the constitutional position of the crown, it is made without reference to the personality of King Edward himself.

"I made my reference impersonally, in the way in which it is generally done, but the Duke of Northumberland has thought it fitting to constitute himself champion of the King's personality. That is certainly most unusual and undesirable, and much more wanting in respect and decency than anything I said. I suggest to the Duke that he and his party have quite enough to do in challenging the rights of the commons without raising any question about what has been the constitutional practice acted on by the crown and recognized by the people for at least two hundred years.

"The hereditary principle, as far as the monarchy is concerned, holds our respect and affection, but that is no reason why the hereditary principle in the house of lords should have any hold upon the affections of the people."

Campaign Notes.

Some one has been raising trouble in the publishing trade over a story that wood pulp, of which a considerable quantity comes from Canada, would be taxed. Mr. Chamberlain in a letter made public yesterday says that he has no authority to speak for the party on the question, but he would suppose that wood pulp would come under the head of raw material.

The Liberals are growing more confident every day that the proposed taxation of food stuffs is so unpopular that it will neutralize any benefit which may accrue to the Conservatives from the cry "Tax the foreign manufacturer." Alone, the latter cry would be dangerous to Liberal prospects.

At this distance from the date of polling it would appear that in the final phase of the contest all may depend on the effectiveness of the aid given by the liquor trade and the big navy party to the Conservatives. True Liberals laugh at the lords, but they fear the public house.

Liberal campaign has received a filip in the shape of a gift of £10,000 to Mr. Churchill by the Dundee jute manufacturers for the defence of free trade, which probably is a very grateful augmentation of the funds.

The speakers last night included Mr. Birrell and Sir Edward Grey. The former said the present house of lords was a jerry built house, and the future second chamber must be differently composed. "We are in a joyous mood," he declared, with his customary cheerfulness. "We scent victory."

F. E. Smith, speaking to a Stafford audience, emphasized the danger of the German challenge of the empire's naval supremacy.

Lord Charles Beresford at Pembroke dock reiterated his determination to speak out unless things naval were put right. The public has been misled by the admiralty press bureau which had done away with good feeling and comradeship of the navy.

Wellington For Seattle

The steamer Wellington, Capt. Cutler, sailed for Seattle from Nanaimo yesterday morning. She will discharge the 1,200 tons of coal at Seattle and the damages to the steamer caused by the recent grounding on Balvanac island will be repaired.

SURE FOR VICTORIA

No Change to Be Made in Regard to Meeting of Methodist General Conference.

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—The Toronto sub-committee decided at its meeting today to take no further action in the matter of the place of meeting of the next general conference, which is to open on the second Sunday in August in Victoria, B. C.

Some objections had been raised to the expense of meeting in Victoria, but somewhat better rates have been secured from the railroads than have been arranged for any convention that has gone to the Pacific coast in the past few years, and the sub-committee decided it had no power to change the action of the general conference.

A committee consisting of Revs. Dr. Carman, T. A. Moore, Dr. J. A. Rankin, Dr. R. N. Burns, Mr. Justice Maclaren, Mr. H. P. Moore and Dr. Earl Wilmot, was appointed to prepare the agenda and other details for the next general conference.

CAPE BRETON SHAKEN

Island Experiences Earthquake Confined to Its Own Borders—Communication Interrupted

SYDNEY, N. S., Dec. 21.—Reports received in Sydney state that northern Cape Breton, was slightly shaken by an earthquake yesterday afternoon, the effects of which were felt from Mabou, in the western portion of the island, to St. Ann's, on the east side. Communication with Inverness was wholly cut off last night. The shock was felt there more severely than in any other section of the island, and after three o'clock yesterday afternoon it was impossible to get in communication with that section.

While it was not thought there had been any serious damage, there was some anxiety felt here last night at the interruption. It is thought, however, that the telephone interruption is due to a snowstorm which raged all day yesterday. Reports also come in from Orangedale of a disturbance there. The telephone central at that point stated that shortly after three o'clock the village was startled by a heavy rumbling sound. At first it was thought to be an express train running at high speed, but in a moment the ground began to sway and tremble. Dishes and light articles danced around on shelves, and a store was badly shaken. No damage was reported on the line of the Intercolonial.

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—There is no record on the seismograph at Toronto observatory of the earthquake which shook Cape Breton on Monday afternoon, news of which was delayed through the breaking of the cables. "It must have been a purely local affair, and not a very big one at that," said an observatory official.

Red Cross Stamps Go.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—The ban has been taken off the red cross Christmas stamp by the postal authorities of Great Britain and hereafter letters bearing the little bullets in the warfare against consumption will be admitted to those countries, provided they carry the proper amount in postage stamps. This news was announced last evening by Postmaster Campbell on his return from Washington. Hundreds of letters bearing Christmas stamps and directed to England and Ireland had been held here, but were released last night and are now on the way to their destination.

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NOTICE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Cameron Lumber Company, Limited, having its registered office in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, is applying to His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada in Council for approval of the area plans, site and description of works proposed to be constructed in that part of the waters of Victoria Harbor known as Selkirk water, between Point Ellice bridge and Halkett Island, being on the lands situate lying and being in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, and known numbered and described as Lot "D," Garbally Estate, and has deposited the area and site plans of the proposed works and a description thereof with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, and a duplicate thereof with the Registrar-General of Titles in the Land Registry Office in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, and that the matter of the said application will be proceeded with at the expiration of one month from the time of the first publication of this notice in the "Canada Gazette."

Dated this 14th day of December, A. D., 1909.

CAMERON LUMBER CO., LIMITED.
Per D. O. Cameron,
Secretary.

In the Matter of the Estate of John Irving, Late of Goldstream, British Columbia, Deceased.

All persons indebted to the estate of John Irving, late of Goldstream, B. C., deceased, are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness forthwith to C. Arthur Rea, Law Chambers, Bastion Street, Victoria, B. C., and all persons having claims against the said estate are requested to send particulars duly verified, to the said C. Arthur Rea, before the 15th day of January, 1910, after the said date the estate will be distributed amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the claims only of which the executors had then notice.

Dated the 11th day of December, 1909.

FRANK HIGGINS,
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PART IV
"WATER CLAUSES CONSOLIDATION ACT, 1897"

1. This is to certify that the "Vancouver Island Power Company, Limited" (specially incorporated pursuant to Part IV. of the above mentioned Act, on the 16th day of January, 1907), for the purpose of exercising the rights, powers, privileges and priorities in and by Part IV. of the said Act created, granted and conferred, as applied under section 87 of the above mentioned Act, to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, for approval of the proposed undertakings and works of the said Company; and that the said Company has filed with the Clerk of the Executive Council the documents as required by section 85 of the said Act, and also the plans showing the situation of the proposed undertakings and works; and that the said undertakings and works, as shown by the said documents and plans, have been approved, and that the same are as follows:

(a.) The construction of a dam and storage reservoir on, respectively, Bear Creek and Alligator Creek, tributaries of the Jordan River; the construction of main diverting works at a point on the Jordan River about 2 1-4 miles northeast from the southwesterly boundary of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Land Grant; the construction of a storage reservoir at the headwaters of the Jordan River, known as the Jordan Meadows; the construction of a storage reservoir on Y Creek, a tributary of the said Jordan River, and the construction of diverting works on the said "Y" creek, as also the construction of a flume or ditch from the said diverting works on Y Creek to the main diverting works hereinbefore mentioned; the construction of a regulating reservoir at some point upon the land held under timber license number 38,639, and to be known as Forebay Reservoir; the construction of a flume and ditch from said main diverting works to the said Forebay Reservoir; the construction in and upon some portion of Lot 9 Renfrew District, of a power-house and the installation therein of electrical machinery for the generation of power; the construction of a pipe-line from the said Forebay Reservoir to the said power-house; the construction of a transmission line about thirty miles in length to the City of Victoria, and the erection of suitable sub-stations and apparatus to carry out all things necessary for the proper transmission of power to the said City of Victoria, and throughout the surrounding districts, and in and throughout the area as defined in the Memorandum of Association of the Company; the construction of roads, trails and bridges, and all other works necessary for the undertakings and works of the said Company as hereinbefore set out; the erection of poles for the transmission of power, as also telephone pole lines and telephones when and where deemed necessary, including the right to erect such poles along the sides of public highways, and to cross and re-cross said public highways and bridges, and the stringing of wires along the said poles not less than twenty feet from the ground; and, generally, the construction of such further and other works as may be necessary for the complete carrying on of the aforesaid undertakings,

(b.) The water power so to be generated, and the electricity and power so generated will be utilized to supply power chiefly to the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, Limited, which operates the street railway system of the City of Victoria and adjoining and surrounding municipalities and districts, and also supplies public and private lighting, and all necessary and contemplated extensions to this system. It is also proposed to furnish power, heat and light for manufacturing, industrial and traction purposes throughout Saanich Peninsula, and throughout the area authorized in the Memorandum of Association of the Company. The power will be developed by the use of Pelton Water Wheels, or by the best and most modern machinery, and converted into electrical energy and transmitted by copper or other wires to the required points of user.

2. Provided, however that the Company shall not proceed to construct the dams and reservoirs for the retention of water until the plans and specifications for the said works shall have been first filed in the office of the Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department, and the said plans and specifications have received the approval of the said Chief Engineer.

3. And this is further to certify that the "Vancouver Island Power Company, Limited," shall at least have duly subscribed, before it commences the construction of its undertaking and works or exercises any of the powers in that behalf conferred by the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897," Part IV., ten thousand shares of one dollar each. The further amount of capital required to fully complete the undertaking and works to be provided by the issue of first mortgage bonds or debentures of the "Vancouver Island Power Company, Limited," up to the amount of three hundred thousand pounds sterling (£300,000), the principal and interest thereof to be guaranteed by the "British Columbia Electric Railway Company, Limited," or be otherwise guaranteed and floated.

4. And this is further to certify that the time within which the said capital, namely, to the extent of at least ten thousand dollars is to be subscribed, is before the expiration of thirty days from the date hereof, and the time within which the said undertaking and works are to be commenced is before the expiration of sixty days from the date hereof, and the date by which the said proposed works shall be in operation is fixed at three years from the date hereof.

Dated this 4th day of November, 1909.

A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,
Deputy Clerk of the Executive Council.

NOTICE

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

PRIVATE BILLS.

Copies of Bills, Petitions, and notices as published must be deposited with, and all fees paid to, the Clerk of the House, not later than 12th January, 1910.

Petitions for Bills will not be received by the House after 31st January, 1910.

Bills must be presented to the House not later than 10th February, 1910.

Reports from Standing Committee on Bills will not be received by the House after 17th February, 1910.

THORNTON FELL,
Clerk, Legislative Assembly.
Victoria, 1st November, 1909.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER of the Estate of William Hassard, late of the city of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act" to all creditors of the estate to deliver to the undersigned before the 28th day of December, 1909, full particulars of claims, verified by Statutory Declaration. After such date the executor will proceed to distribute the assets according to law.

Dated at Victoria this 22nd day of November, 1909.

McPHILLIPS & DAVIE,
Of Davie Chambers, No. 545 Bastion Street, Victoria, B. C., Solicitors for the Executor.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made at the next session of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia for an act transferring all the assets, rights and property of The Great West Permanent Loan and Savings Company within British Columbia to The Great West Permanent Loan Company, being a company incorporated by an act of parliament of Canada, being Chapter 89 of the Statutes of 1909, also ratifying all acts done pursuant to section 41 of the said Act of Incorporation, and declaring the said latter company to have been empowered since the 5th day of June, 1909, to exercise within the Province of British Columbia all the powers, rights and privileges provided for in its Act of Incorporation.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 12th day of November, A. D. 1909.

A. P. LUXTON,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

IN THE MATTER OF THE "NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION ACT" (BEING CHAPTER 115 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA, 1906)

TAKE NOTICE that John Raymond, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, in pursuance of Section 7 of the above act has deposited the plans of a wharf and a description of the proposed site thereof to be constructed upon part of and in front of lots 542A and 543A, Victoria City, in the Province aforesaid with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa in the Province of Ontario, and a duplicate of each in the office of the Registrar General of Titles at Victoria, British Columbia, being the Registrar of deeds for the district in which each work is to be constructed.

And take notice that at the expiration of one month from the date hereof application will be made to the Governor in Council for the approval thereof.

Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 14th day of December, 1909.

YATES & JAY,
Solicitors for the Applicant.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session on behalf of The Corporation of the District of Oak Bay for an act conferring upon the council of the said corporation the following powers in addition to those conferred by the "Municipal Clauses Act," namely:

(1.) Power to make, alter and repeal bylaws for the following purposes:

(a) For charging a frontage rate against all property past which watermains run, and making such water rate a lien on the real property.

(b) From borrowing money for purchasing, laying and constructing water mains, gas mains, electric lighting trunk or main wires and connections, subject to the provisions of Sections 68 and 69 of the "Municipal Clauses Act," but without the restrictions contained in Section 81 of the act.

(c) For preventing the obstruction of streams, watercourses and drains and authorizing the municipal officers to enter on private lands for the purpose of clearing streams, watercourses or drains; and for laying drains or sewerage pipes in any streams or water courses; for entering into agreements with other municipalities for clearing any watercourse or stream, and building and maintaining sewers and drains.

(d) For regulating the speed of street cars, automobiles and other vehicles.

(e) For licensing hacks, cabs, automobiles, tallyhos and other vehicles, hired either within or without the municipality, passing over the roads and highways within the municipality.

(f) For regulating the class of buildings to be erected in any particular section or district of the municipality.

(g) For prohibiting, regulating and licensing the carrying of firearms within the municipality or on any waters within one mile of the shore of any part of the municipality.

(h) For granting to any person of corporation any reduction in the rate of taxation and for entering into any agreement for the assessment of any person's or corporation's lands and property of lesser value than the surrounding lands.

(2.) Power to purchase or otherwise acquire water and waterworks wheresoever situated and to deal with and enter into agreements with any person or corporation owning the same for acquiring waterworks or water supply, and power to construct and lay pipes from such waterworks, or from any point where water is supplied to the municipality through any lands, roads, streets or highways, whether provincial, municipal or private, and full power to pass the necessary bylaws for such purposes.

(3.) Power to enforce all bylaws on the foreshore adjoining the municipality.

(4.) Power to ratify and confirm the agreement to be entered into between the corporation and William Hicks Gardner, and ratifying the bylaw to be submitted to the ratepayers embodying such bylaw, and giving the council power to adopt and carry into effect the said agreement and carry out and confirm all the rights, franchises and privileges in the said agreement mentioned; and to borrow money to repay to William Hicks Gardner the cost of the watermain mentioned in the said agreement without submitting such bylaw to the ratepayers.

(5.) Power to carry on local improvements for all municipal work under a new system, with full power to pass the necessary local improvement bylaws making the cost of local improvements chargeable against the property benefited thereby without receiving the consent of the ratepayers.

Dated this 30th day of November, 1909.

BODWELL & LAWSON,
Solicitors for The Corporation of the District of Oak Bay.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

SEALED TENDERS, superscribed "Tender for Sewerage Works, Prince Rupert," will be received by the Honorable the Minister of Public Works up to noon of Wednesday, the 19th of January, 1910, for the construction and completion of a portion of the permanent system of sewerage at Prince Rupert, B. C.:—

Plans, specifications, contract and forms of tender may be seen on and after the 7th day of December, 1909, at the office of the undersigned, Public Works Department, Victoria, B. C., at the offices of the Government Agent, and of Mr. James H. Bacon, Harbor Engineer, Prince Rupert, B. C.; at the office of the Government Agent, New Westminster, B. C., and at the office of the Provincial Timber Inspector, Vancouver, B. C.

Each proposal must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, in the sum of five hundred dollars, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering decline to enter into contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. The cheques or certificates of deposit of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the contract.

A guarantee bond in the sum of fifteen thousand dollars will be required as security for the faithful performance and completion of the work.

Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the forms supplied, signed with the actual signature of the tenderer, and enclosed in the envelopes furnished.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

F. C. GAMBLE,
Public Works Engineer.
Public Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., 2nd Decemebr, 1909.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of the Estate of Richard Morrison, Deceased, Intestate, and
In the Matter of the Official Administrator's Act.

Notice is hereby given that, under an order made by the Hon. Chief Justice, dated the 24th day of November, 1909, I, the undersigned, was appointed administrator of the estate of the above deceased. All parties having claims against the said estate are requested to send particulars of their claims to me on or before the 8th day of January, 1910, and all parties indebted to the said estate are required to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 8th day of December, 1909.

WILLIAM MONTEITH,
Official Administrator.

CIVIC NOTICE

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria having determined that it is desirable to execute the following works of local improvement, namely:

1. To pave Herald street from Government street to Store street with wooden blocks, treated with creosote and placed on a concrete foundation.

2. To construct curbs, gutters and boulevards (including maintenance) on both sides of Vining street between Belmont avenue and Stanley avenue;

3. To pave Douglas street from View street to Cormorant street with wooden blocks, treated with creosote, and placed on a concrete foundation;

4. To pave Douglas street from Humboldt street to View street, with wooden blocks treated with creosote and placed on a concrete foundation.

5. To grade, rock surface and drain St. Andrew street from Simcoe street to Niagara street, and to construct permanent sidewalks on both sides thereof, with curbs, gutters and boulevards (including maintenance);

6. To construct permanent sidewalks on both sides of St. Lawrence street, between Erie street and Niagara street, and to grade and rock surface the roadway of said street;

And that each and all of said works shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the "Local Improvement General By-Law" and amendments thereto, and the City Engineer and City Assessor having reported to the Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the said bylaw, upon each and every of said works of local improvement, giving statements showing the amounts estimated to be chargeable in each case against the various portions of real property to be benefited by the said works, and the reports of the City Engineer and City Assessor aforesaid having been adopted by the Council.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the said reports are open for inspection at the office of the City Assessor, City Hall, Douglas street, and that unless a petition against any proposed work of local improvement above mentioned, signed by a majority of the owners of the land or real property to be assessed for such improvement, and representing at least one-half of the value of the said land or real property, is presented to the Council within fifteen days from the date of the first publication of this notice, the Council will proceed with the proposed improvement upon such terms and conditions as to the payment of the cost of such improvement as the Council may by bylaw in that behalf regulate and determine.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.
City Clerk's office, Victoria, B. C., December 8th, 1909.

The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Mts. Sicker and Brenton Mines, Limited, N.P.L., will be held in Sir William Wallace Hall, Broad St., in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, on Thursday, December 23rd, 1909, at 10:30 a. m.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 14th, 1909.

EDWIN A GARRETT, Jr., Secretary.
H. M. GRAHAME, President.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the legislative assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an act; to vest in "The Governing Council of The Salvation Army in Canada" all the property in British Columbia now held by Thomas Bales Coombs individually or as commissioner of the Salvation Army or by any other person or persons for the purposes and benefit of or to the use of the Salvation Army, or held in trust for any corps or branch of the Salvation Army or for any hospital institution or undertaking owned by or carried on by the Salvation Army or by any person for or under the direction of the Salvation Army subject to the trusts, if any, upon which such property is held; to provide for the registration of the title to property so vested, upon filing with the registrar or proper officer a description of the property and notice of the trust and upon payment of a nominal fee; to empower the said governing council to receive, acquire, hold, manage, deal with or dispose of any property for the purposes of the Salvation Army; to empower the said governing council to execute any trusts affecting such property or to be reposed in them; and to confer on the said governing council all other necessary or incidental rights, powers and privileges in relation to the above matters.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 10th day of November, A. D. 1909.

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Births, Marriages, Deaths

DIED.

WARK—At the family residence, 309 Simcoe street, John McAdoo Wark, aged 80 years; a native of Londonderry, Ireland.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday, December 22nd, at 2:15 from the house and 2:30 at St. James church, Quebec street.

Friends will please acept this intimation.

A CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. E. C. Johnson and family wish to thank their many kind friends for their deep sympathy during their sad bereavement; also for floral tributes.

Card of Thanks

Mrs. W. R. McIntosh wishes to thank the many friends for their sympathy shown her during her recent bereavement and also for the beautiful flowers presented.

Tenders

Tenders will be received up to December 29th, 1909, for the stumping and grading of roads in Gorge View Park. Plan of roads and specifications may be seen at the office of L. W. Bick, 1104 Broad street. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

CIVIC NOTICE

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria having determined that it is desirable

1. To grade, rock surface and drain Richardson street, between Cook street and Moss street, and to construct a permanent sidewalk on the south side of said street.

2. To grade, drain and rock surface Phoenix Place, between Toronto street and Avalon road, and to construct permanent sidewalks on both sides thereof.

And that each and all of said works shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the "Local Improvement General By-Law" and amendments thereto, and the city engineer and city assessor having reported to the council, in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of the said by-law upon each and every of said works of local improvement, giving statements showing the amounts estimated to be chargeable in each case against the various portions of real property to be benefited by the said works, and the reports of the city engineer and city assessor as aforesaid having been adopted by the council.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the said reports are open for inspection at the office of the city assessor, City hall, Douglas street, and that unless a petition against any proposed work of local improvement above mentioned, signed by a majority of the owners of the land or real property to be assessed for such improvement, and representing at least one-half of the value of the said land or real property, is presented to the council within fifteen days from the date of the first publication of this notice, the council will proceed with the proposed improvement upon such terms and conditions as to the payment of the cost of such improvement as the council may by bylaw in that behalf regulate and determine.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.
City Clerk's office, Victoria, B. C., December 22nd, 1909.

WATER NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made under Part V. of the "Water Act, 1909," to obtain a license in the Sayward Division of Victoria Water District.

(a) The name of company in full: The Campbell River Power Company, Limited. The head office: Offices of Barnard & Robertson, 514 Fort St., Victoria, B. C. The capital, how divided, showing amount paid up, $50,000 divided into 500 shares of $100 each; amount paid up $500.

(If for mining purposes) Free Miner's Certificate No.

(b.) The name of the lake, stream or source (if unnamed the description is) Campbell River, Vancouver Island, B. C.

(c) The point of diversion is at a point 3½ miles from mouth of Campbell river, immediately above Campbell River Falls.

(d) The quantity of water applied for (in cubic feet per second) 2800 cubic feet (or 100,000 miners inches.)

(e.) The character of the proposed works is a power plant for generation of electricity for industrial purposes. A dam or weir to be placed across river immediately above the Falls and water to be conveyed to powerhouse immediately below falls.

(f.) The premises on which the water is to be used (describe same) at some point on the land along the bank of the Campbell River not more than ½ mile below the Campbell River Falls.

(g) The purpose for which the water is to be used. Power purposes.

(h.) If for irrigation describe the land intended to be irrigated, giving acreage. Not to be used for irrigation.

(i.) If the water is to be used for power or mining purposes describe the place where the water is to be returned to some natural channel, and the difference in altitude between point of diversion and point of return. The water is to be returned to the Campbell river at a point within one mile below the Campbell River Falls and the difference in altitude will be about 156 feet.

(j.) Area of crown land intended to be occupied by the proposed works, about 320 acres.

(k.) This notice was posted on the seventeenth day of December, 1909, and application will be made to the Commissioner on the eighteenth day of January, 1910.

(l.) Give the names and addresses of any riparian proprietors or licensees whose lands are likely to be affected by the proposed works, either above or below the outlet. The Crown, Mary King, M. King, Flora A. Burns, G. H. Burns, W. W. Grime, L. C. Macdonald and M. K. Grime, all of Victoria, B. C.

Attach copy of such parts of the company's memorandum of association as authorizes the proposed application and works.

Parts of the memorandum of Association which authorize the proposed application and works are as follows:

(a) The construction or operation of works or the supply or utilization of water under the "Water Act, 1909."

b.) To apply for and obtain under the provisions of the "Water Act, 1909," or to purchase or otherwise acquire water records or water licenses.

The Campbell River Power Company, Limited.
M. KING, Director.
P. O. Address): P. O. Box 724, Victoria, B. C.

Tenders For Ferry Steamer

Tenders are invited by the North Vancouver City Ferries, Limited, for the construction of a double end Steel Ferry Steamer, 165 feet long, with 29 foot beam. For further particulars apply to the office of the company, where plans and specifications may be seen.

All tenders must be lodged before 12 o'clock noon of the 20th day of January, 1910. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. All envelopes shall be addressed to the Secretary of the Company, and marked "Tender for Ferry Steamer."

R. E. KEMP,
Secretary.
Vancouver, B. C.,
December 15th, 1909.

GOLIATH GOES FOR EVERETT G. GRIGGS

Captain of Victoria Vessel Had Exciting Time With Crew at Golden Gate

The big tug Goliah of the Puget Sound Tugboat Company which towed the British ship Drummuir of Victoria, B. C., from Redondo to load lumber at the Hastings mills is going south for another Victoria vessel. She will bring the big six masted barkentine Everett G. Griggs, of Victoria B. C., from San Francisco.

From San Francisco comes news of the strenuous experiences of Capt. Delano of the Everett G. Griggs with a liquor-crazed crew which mutinied at the Bay City. It is said that he and Mate Frederick Wann, were forced to barricade themselves in their cabins while the crew attempted to batter down the doors in an effort to kill the officers.

Ill feeling against two Malay seamen aboard the bark and the refusal of the captain to give the men part of their money with which to buy liquor are said to have been the causes for the fuss that brewed for days and finally ended in mutiny.

Capt. Delano and Mate Wann were in the cabin when the belligerent crew confronted them with their demands. The officers, realizing the condition of the men, forced the leaders from the cabin and slammed the door. The cook was the only member of the crew who stood by the officers.

It was not until six hours later that Wann, aided by darkness, managed to make his escape to the wharf, where he secured the aid of three policemen.

In the meantime the men plied bottles freely, hacked at the door and themselves with knives and made a vain attempt to batter down the barricade. They found the offending Malays and beat them before they, too, dodged into a cabin and piled furniture against the entrance. Returning to the ship with the mate, the policemen scaled the rope ladder and confronted the fighting mutineers with drawn revolvers. The sight of uniforms and steel had a quieting effect, and the ringleaders made little resistance when they were forced over the vessel's side and eventually to jail.

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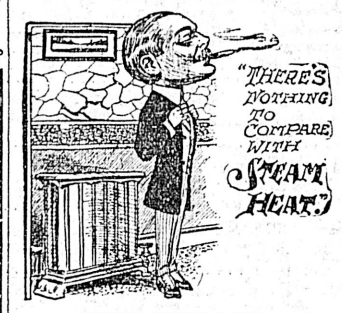

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No matter what you wish or what price you care to pay, you will find selection easy at this—Victoria's Greatest Store. But the main point is to do your shopping early in the day and avoid the crush, as the three remaining days will be busy ones. In order to help everybody, we will be open every evening until Christmas, but take our advice: "Shop Early in the Day." If you wish something for mother, sister or brother, you will find it here in endless variety, while dad's wants can also be looked after with good advantage.

Gloves Make Acceptable Gifts for Men, Xmas

GLOVES — Gentlemen's Brown Mocha Wool Lined Gloves, warm and comfortable for cold days, well stitched and heavily lined. Per pair, $1.75, $1.25 and **$1.00**

GLOVES—Gentlemen's Fur Lined Mocha Gloves, extra warm. A handsome glove. Per pair **$2.50**

GLOVES—Dent's Tan Dogskin Walking Gloves, one clasp. A good, serviceable, cheap glove. Special, per pair **$1.00**

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GLOVES—Dent's Heavy Tan Dogskin, P. X. M. seams silk sewn. Special, per pair **$1.25**

GLOVES—Dent's Best English Make, Smart Walking Gloves, in shades of tan. Two dome or pearl buttons. Special, per pair .. **$1.50**

GLOVES—Heavy Dark Tanned Dogskin Driving Gloves. Pair **$1.75**

For Thursday's Selling

CAKE MOULDS WITH CENTRAL TUBE

TURK'S HEAD PATTERN, from ..... **35¢**
Plain shape, from ..... **15¢**
JELLY SHAPES, all sizes, from ..... **10¢**
COOKIE SHAPES, 6 patterns, per dozen ..... **20¢**
UNIVERSAL CAKE MIXER, embodies an interesting mechanical arrangement that ensures perfect mixture **$2.00**

THE MAMMOTH

HANGING LAMP, 200 candle-power, suitable for lighting large room or hall, constructed of metal throughout **$4.50**
HANGING LAMP, with compensating spring and colored dome shades, $8.50, $6.75, $5.50 and **$2.50**
CRUMB AND BRUSH TRAYS, in embossed and engraved bronze, artistic finish, complete **$1.50**
CRUMB BRUSH AND SCOOP, nickel-plated on brass and black wood handle, a very handy pair **$2.25**
BURNISHED COPPER TRAY AND SCOOP, with brass and black wood fittings. Pair **$3 50**
INDIVIDUAL EMBOSSED BRASS CRUMB SCOOP, very good style. Each **$1.00**
NICKEL CRUMB TRAY AND BRUSH. Pair ..... **65¢**
JAPANNED TRAY AND BRUSH. Pair ..... **40¢**

NICKEL PLATED TRAYS

Oblong, 20 inch, very heavy, $3.00 and **$2.50**
NICKEL TRAYS, several pretty patterns, neatly engraved.
18 inch, oblong ..... **75¢**
16 inch, oblong ..... **65¢**
14 inch, oblong ..... **40¢**
12 inch, oblong ..... **30¢**
ROUND TRAYS, 12 inch ..... **25¢**
8 and 7 inch ..... **15¢**
6 inch and 4 1-2 inch ..... **10¢**
OVAL SHAPE, 18 inch ..... **65¢**

How About a Dress Pattern?

Our Christmas showing of Dress Patterns is a large one, indeed, and is one of the most sensible gifts one could make. They include new shadow stripe suitings, diagonals, also plain effects, in duchess cloths. The prices range $8.75, $6.75, $5.75 and **$5.00**

Fancy Fans for Xmas

What is more acceptable as a lady's gift to another than a dainty and delicate Fan. We have them in all designs and sizes, from the very plain, simple effect to the most exquisite and charming ones to be seen, $1.50 to **$25.00**

Beautiful New Waist Lengths at $1.50

As a useful and sensible gift, and one that will be appreciated, may we suggest a lovely Waist Length? At present we are showing a splendid assortment in our Dress Goods Section. They are in French flannels and delaines, in plain and stripe effects, also spotted effects, in every shade desired, and are priced unusually low at, each... **$1.50**

Dressing and Needle Cases, 75c to $4.50

A splendid variety of Ladies' Dressing and Needle Cases is to be seen at the Drug Department, and which would make excellent gifts. They are all beautifully lined, in all colors of satin and silk, ranging in prices from 75c to **$4.50**

Gentlemen's Toilet Sets, $2.50 to $12.50

Something for him, that is one of the main questions to solve. Then why not buy a Gentlemen's Toilet Set? We have them in handsome leather cases, beautifully lined throughout, at prices ranging from $2.50 to **$12.50**

Table and Fancy Linens for Christmas Table

Something for the table. Nothing better could be given to your friend, and a nice Table Cloth or Set would probably just fill the bill to a nicety. Our stock of these is extremely large and varied, while you will find prices the lowest in the city, consistent with quality.

TABLE DAMASK, fully bleached, 60 in. to 70 in. wide. Special per yard at ..... **50¢**
TABLE DAMASK, fully bleached, 66 in. to 70 in. wide ..... **75¢**
TABLE DAMASK, very fine quality, satin finish, 60 in. to 72 in. wide. Per yard, $1.00 and **$1.25**
DAMASK TEA CLOTHS, size 36 x 36. Each ..... **75¢**
IRISH LINEN TEA CLOTHS, embroidered and drawn, 30 in. x 30 in. Each **$1.25**

New Blouse Silks for Christmas at $2.75

A highly commendable assortment of beautiful new Blouse Silks is to be seen in our Silk Department. These are in lengths of 4 yards, and include about 25 pieces. They are in black and white checks, also blue and white checks, fancy stripes, old rose and white, brown, tan and white, also stripe mixtures in wisterias, helio and white stripe, navy and white stripe. At, per length **$2.75**

Slippers Are Always Useful, and Will Be Appreciated

The Kind of Gift that is Appreciated

LADIES' WARM HOUSE SLIPPERS, various kinds and colors, leather or felt soles ..... **75¢**
MEN'S COMFORT SLIPPERS, a large variety, leather, felt, wool plaid, carpet **$1.00**
GIRLS' AND BOYS' FELT SLIPPERS, all felt, ankle strap .... **40¢**
INFANTS' SOFT SOLE BOOTIES AND MOCCASINS, tan, black, white, pink and blue ..... **25¢**
LADIES' VELVET JULIET SLIPPERS, fur trimmings, brown and green **$1.50**
CHILD'S FELT SLIPPERS ..... **15¢**
LADIES' AND GENTS' "KOZY" TRAVELLING SLIPPERS, of fine vici kid, in leather case to match. Black, Tan, Green, Red, **$3.50**
COLORED SATIN SLIPPERS, with or without strap. White, Pink, Blue, Grey, Canary. Prices, $3.50, $3.00 and **$2.50**
DANCING SLIPPERS, in Gold and Silver **$3.00**
A large variety of Black Evening Slippers in Patent Leather or Kid, plain or jet beaded. Prices, $4.50, $4.00, $3.50, $3.00 and **$2.50**
BLACK VELVET STRAP SLIPPERS, high French heel, rhinestone ornament. Very pretty **$4.50**
BRONZE KID STRAP SLIPPERS, handsomely beaded **$5.50**
INFANTS' STRAP SLIPPERS, Suede, in White, Blue, Tan and Green, $1.50 and **$1.25**
GIRLS' PARTY SLIPPERS, Patent Leather or Kid. Tan, Black or Red **$1.00**

Book and Stationery Dept.---New Novels

JOHN MARVEL, ASSISTANT, by Page. Price **$1.40**
ANNE VERONICA, by Wells **$1.25**
ACTIONS AND REACTIONS, by Kipling **$1.50**
EMILY FOX SETON, by Hodgson Burnett **$1.40**
THROUGH THE WALL, by Moffett **$1.25**
WHITE MICE, by Davis **$1.25**
SHERIFF OF DYKE HOLE, by Cullum **$1.40**
PRICE OF LIS DORIS, by Maarten **$1.40**
MARRIAGES OF MAYFAIR **$1.25**
A CERTAIN RICH MAN, by White **$1.25**
And Many Others.
PLAY BOX ANNUAL **$1.00**
CHATTERBOX ..... **75¢**
ROBINSON CRUSOE, nice illustrated edition. Price ..... **75¢**
FLORAL POETS, done up in nice decorated boxes. Good selection to choose from. Price ..... **60¢**

GIFT BOOKS

Nicely decorated. Price, each ..... **30¢**

Just the Thing for a Remembrance

Holy Living, Silence and Voices of God, Master, Missionaries, Manliness of Christ, Pleasing the King, New Life, Sacra Privatia, Cedar Christian, Stepping Heavenward, Like Christ, Water of Life, Christian Living, Daily Food, Gold Dust, With Christ, Shepherd Psalm.

And Many Others

BUSTER BROWN BOOKS ..... **50¢**
PECK'S BAD BOY ..... **50¢**
TINY TADS ..... **50¢**
TEDDY BEAR A B C ..... **50¢**
ALGER BOOKS FOR BOYS ..... **25¢**
HENTY BOOKS FOR BOYS ..... **50¢**
CHRISTMAS CALENDARS—All prices.
POSTCARD PAINTING BOOKS ..... **25¢**
JOHNNIE COURTEAU, by Drummond **$1.25**
VOYAGEUR, by Drummond **$1.25**
THE HABITANT, by Drummond **$1.25**
CHILDREN'S TOY BOOKS, from **5¢** up to **$1.00**
ALLCOTT BOOKS FOR GIRLS ..... **50¢**
CHRISTMAS STATIONERY, decorated. Boxes, each, from 35c to **$3.00**
Big List of Copyright Novels. Good Christmas gifts. Price ..... **60¢**

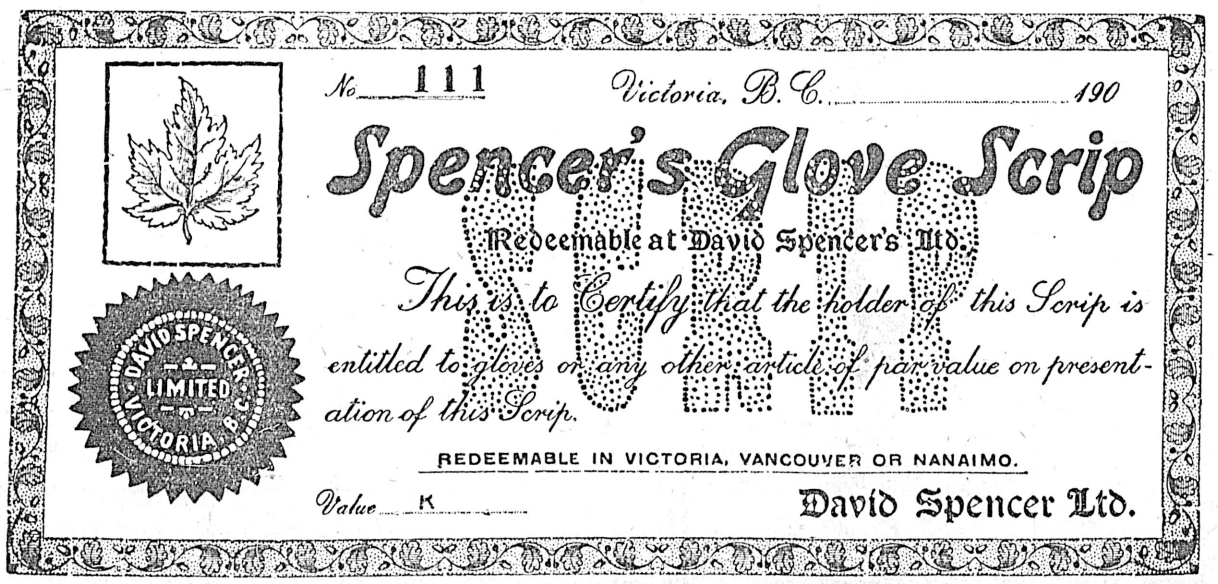
Tasteful Christmas Gifts

Specially Selected from the Crockery Department

JARDINIERES from $3.50 to ..... **15¢**
VASES, Art Pottery, $6.75 to ..... **25¢**
SALAD BOWLS, fine china, from ..... **50¢**
NUT BOWLS, fine china, from ..... **35¢**
BON BON DISHES, fine china, from ..... **20¢**
BERRY DISHES, fine china, from ..... **15¢**
PIN TRAYS, fine china, from ..... **15¢**
OLIVE DISHES, fine china, from ..... **25¢**
TEAPOT STANDS, fine china, from ..... **25¢**

Why Not Purchase a Glove Scrip

These Make Most Acceptable Gifts, Redeemable at Any of Our Stores



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